



## WHY A PROTEST? WHY REFORM?

For over 1,000 years the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches dominated the Christian landscape of the Mediterranean world and Europe.

During this time God's Word was not permitted to be in the language of the average person and so God's truth regarding salvation and many things in life were not clearly and accurately taught. Instead, many false beliefs and practices arose such as salvation through good works, the veneration and prayer to saints, Mary and angels, belief in purgatory, the sale of indulgences (God's forgiveness) and many other unbiblical ideas which were used to manipulate and control people.

So there was a legitimate need for reform. Early reformers began translating God's Word into French, German and English. And they began to teach and preach that salvation comes only by **God's grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.** It does not come through doing good works, praying to saints or paying indulgences.

The reformers also rightly turned away from glorifying man through buildings, wealth, power and acclaim to **giving glory to God alone.**

## THE FIVE SOLAS OF THE REFORMATION

### **SOLA SCRIPTURA -- SCRIPTURE ALONE**

#### 2 TIMOTHY 3:15-17

*...from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work*

### **SOLA GRATIA -- GRACE ALONE**

#### **SOLA FIDE -- FAITH ALONE**

#### EPHESIANS 2:8-9

*For it is by GRACE you have been saved through FAITH. And this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

### **SOLUS CHRISTUS -- CHRIST ALONE**

#### ACTS 4:11-12

***This Jesus** is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*

### **SOLI DEO GLORIA -- GLORY TO GOD ALONE**

#### PSALM 115:1

*Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your Name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!*