

# Message Notes

## Sola Fide: Faith Alone

**Introduction** - "Celebrating 500 years"

**After the 95 Theses**

### The Five Solas

*sola fide* (by faith alone)  
*sola Scriptura* (by Scripture alone)  
*solus Christus* (by Christ alone)  
*sola gratia* (by grace alone)  
*solī Deo gloria* (glory to God alone).

### Today's Message:

*Sola Fide: Faith Alone*  
Philippians 3:1-16

**The Early Church on Faith Alone**

### **What is meant by Faith Alone?**

What sola fide affirms and denys

*Alister McGrath*

Forensic  
Distinguishing between Justification and  
Sanctification  
Alien Righteousness (Imputation)

*Timothy George*

Imputation  
Faith Alone Justifies  
*Simul Iustus et Peccator*  
(Simultaneously Saint and Sinner)

### **Is Faith Alone Biblical?**

John 3:1-21

John 20:30-31  
Philippians 3

### **Hey, what about James 2:24?!?!?**

*A look in context* (James 2:14-24)

*What about Good Works?*

**Gospel Application** - *Are you now trusting in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of your sins and for the fulfillment of all his promises to you, even eternal life?*

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

### **John 3:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. <sup>19</sup>This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

### **John 20:30-31**

<sup>30</sup>Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### **Philippians 3:7-11**

<sup>7</sup>But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

### **James 2:14-24**

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup>Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup>If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup>In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. <sup>19</sup>You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

<sup>20</sup>You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? <sup>21</sup>Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup>You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. <sup>23</sup>And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. <sup>24</sup>You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.