

ON WHAT DO WE STAND?

***Sola Scriptura* and the Sufficiency of God's Word**

Romans 1:16–17

What did the Reformation do?

- 1. Recovered the Gospel**
- 2. Reestablished the Word of God**
- 3. Reformed the Church**

Tradition and Truth

Tradition 1

Tradition 2

Tradition 0

(Errant) Objections to the Reformation

- 1. Reformation “was a revolution in how to read” the Bible (Diarmaid MacCulloch)**
- 2. Reformation led to interpretive anarchy (Brad Gregory)**
- 3. Reformation caused “pervasive interpretive pluralism” (Christian Smith)**
- 4. Reformation created tribalism. (Peter Leithart)**

**** *All of these objections respond to a wrong view of Sola Scriptura.***

***BUILT ON THE WORD: A Theological Vision of Scripture, Church, and Ministry* - D. Schrock**
Solo Scriptura – Sola Scriptura . . . wrongly Translated

Sola Scriptura – The Bible Alone . . . rightly Translated

1. The Bible is the word of God written in human words inspired by the Holy Spirit.
2. God both authors and authorizes the Bible.
3. God's word is God's discourse.
4. Different types of discourse exercise authority in different ways over different domains.
5. All divinely authored discourse serves the same ultimate divine end.

**** 1 Corinthians 3:11 . . . Again**

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The Bible is Creates Community . . . The Bible Is Never Against the Church

1. The Bible is written in community
2. The Bible is received in community
3. The Bible is translated in community
4. The Bible is interpreted in community
5. The Bible is applied in community
6. The Bible is acted out in community

Retrieving the Reformation Rightly

1. The Reformation was not a hopeless pursuit of individualism
2. The Reformation was not a revolution in reading the Bible
3. The Reformation did not invite interpretive anarchy or endless plurality
4. The Reformation did not create tribalism.

*** If your defense of Sola Scriptura minimizes the Church or promotes theological self-sufficiency, you're doing it wrong!*

What do we do now?