

# SOLA SCRIPTURA

2 Timothy 3.16, 17

## WHAT IT IS, WHAT IT ISN'T

In Luther's day, the Catholic Church indeed had the bible, but it had adopted many other things that became just as (or more) authoritative as Scripture: Holy Tradition, the Magisterium, the Pope, and even apparitions and visions.

**What It Isn't:** "Sola Scriptura" does *not* mean that is the only authority on all matters. It is not mean to be our highest or sole authority on auto mechanics, sports, or weather. It also does not mean that it is the only place where we can ascertain truth about God. We have books, sermons, nature, and relationships.

**What It Is:** What it *does* mean is that Scripture is both our *highest authority*, as well as the *only* source that is reliable and infallible. Books, sermons, and nature are to be tested against the Word, and the only truth that is gained from other sources can only be validated if the Word substantiates it.

## A LIFE OF CONFUSION

Without the deep conviction of Sola Scriptura, our lives become lives of confusion and frustration. Without it, we are left wondering about and questioning God's will through feelings, signs, open doors, or any number of other sources that become our "authority."

**God has clothed His thoughts in words, and there is no way to truly know Him except by knowing the Scriptures.**

-John Stott

2 Corinthians 11.12-15 // Galatians 1.6-9

## WHAT GIVES YOU CONFIDENCE?

There are many reasons why we seek God outside of His Word. It could be laziness, lack of faith in His Word, or to feel special and have some direct line with Him. But we must remember that because He has given us His Son to die in our place, and then also given us His Word, we can have confidence that He has already given us all we need for life and godliness, and to "be complete, equipped for every good work."

**When Adam and Eve were tempted by the serpent,  
The serpent said, "did God actually say?"  
When Jesus was tempted by the serpent,  
Jesus said, "it is written."**



# NOTES:

## This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Luke 19:10**

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Katie McGinty at [katie@lifemission.tv](mailto:katie@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school. Our **wid-week High School Ministry meets once a month** here at Classical Academy, in the Study Hall. Email **Casey Barnes at [casey@lifemission.tv](mailto:casey@lifemission.tv)** for info about meeting dates/times or questions about our student ministries.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **2 Timothy 3.16, 17**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some of the most common "authorities" we give our ears and choices to? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think people, even Christians, push back on the notion that Scripture alone is our highest authority? \_\_\_\_\_

John Stott said, "God has clothed His thoughts in words, and there is no way to truly know Him except by knowing the Scriptures." Do you agree or disagree, and why? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **1 John 4.1**. If someone says something about God, faith, or spirituality, we are to test it. How do we test it? Is there any way we can test it if we do not have the Scriptures? \_\_\_\_\_

On Sunday, Jobey noted that when Adam and Eve were tempted, Satan's response was, "has God really said...?" But when Jesus was tempted, His response was "it is written." Compare and contrast these two scenarios. Then read **Proverbs 12.15** and **14.12**. Think of examples of times you have made decisions when you have questioned God's Word (or trusted in "authorities" outside of His Word), as well as a time you said to yourself, "it is written." What was the difference, not just in the outcome, but in your mind and heart as you made those decisions? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Proverbs 2.1-6**. What is the "better way" that God has given us to know His will and desires, as well as equip us and make us ready for "every good work" that He has prepared for us? \_\_\_\_\_

Close your time as a group in prayer, and pray the words and pursuits in **Proverbs 2.1-6**. Pray for wisdom and "sanctified common sense" for each other, that you may all know the words, ways, and will of God.



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