



*"Unless I am convinced
by proofs from Scriptures
or by plain and clear
reasons and arguments,
I can and will not retract,
for it is neither safe nor
wise to do anything against
conscience. Here I stand.
I can do no other. God
help me. Amen!"*

*Martin Luther
(1483-1547)*

Sola Scriptura- A definition

- *The Bible alone is our only ultimate and infallible source of authority for matters pertaining to salvation, faith and practice.*

What Sola Scriptura is NOT

- Not a claim that the Bible contains all knowledge or truth
- Not a denial of the church's authority, only a denial of infallible authority
- Not a denial that God's word, at times, has been oral
- not a rejection of the importance of tradition
- Not a denial that the Holy Spirit guides the church

- Scripture Alone does not mean ME ALONE.

Is there biblical basis for Sola Scriptura?

- 2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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What about Jesus and the Apostles?

- Jesus and the Apostles constantly treated the Scriptures as the final court of appeal and distinctly rejected tradition as authoritative

Jesus treatment of tradition

- Matt 15:3,6

“And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? 4 For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ 5 But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,” 6 he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.

What about the Bereans? Acts 17:11

Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

From the RCC Catechism

- *96 What Christ entrusted to the apostles, they in turn handed on by their preaching and writing, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to all generations, until Christ returns in glory.*
- *97 "Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture make up a single sacred deposit of the Word of God" (DV 10) in which, as in a mirror, the pilgrim Church contemplates God, the source of all her riches.*

Catechism (*cont'd*)

- *98 "The Church, in her doctrine, life and worship, perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes" (DV 8 # 1).*
- *99 Thanks to its supernatural sense of faith, the People of God as a whole never ceases to welcome, to penetrate more deeply and to live more fully from the gift of divine Revelation.*

Catechism (*cont'd*)

- *100 The task of interpreting the Word of God authentically has been entrusted solely to the Magisterium of the Church, that is, to the Pope and to the bishops in communion with him.*

Sola Scriptura and the Reformation

- The Scriptures
- the teaching authority of the magisterium
- Sacred Tradition

Vatican II

- It is clear therefore that **sacred tradition, sacred Scripture, and the teaching authority of the Church**, in accord with God's most wise design, are so linked and joined together that one cannot stand without the others, and that all together and each in its own way under the action of the one Holy Spirit contribute effectively to the salvation of souls.

Michael Coren

- The Scriptures clearly acknowledge that they alone can never be sufficient for Christians - the Gospel of John states (quote John 20:30-31)
- the incident between Philip and the eunuch.. "Do you understand what you are reading"

Pre-Reformers

- Wycliffe
- Lollards
- Waldensian movement
- Jan Hus

The Scriptures

- Erasmus = both Greek and Latin translations
- Martin Luther used Erasmus' Greek translation to translate into German

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy
dog and feels as if he were in the seventh
heaven of typography together with Her-
mann Zapf, the most famous artist of the

Linotype

Erasmus



What's the Difference?

- RCC Bible

73 books

Sirach, Tobit, Wisdom,
Judith, 1 & 2 Macabees,
Baruch,

- Protestant Bible

- 66 books

Why aren't they considered Inspired?

- The apocrypha teaches some things that contradict other Scriptures
 - Works salvation
 - Purgatory
 - Praying to the dead
- Etc
- Never cited in the NT
- Never accepted as canon by the Jews.
- It ended up only in the Greek Septuagint. When this happened, I don't know.
- They don't show up on any canonical list till the late 4th century.

