

**5 SOLI DEO GLORIA  
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Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)

Answers the question – “Who must I obey?”

CCC 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.*

Our Statement of Faith (New Hampshire Confession of 1833) - Article I. Of the Scriptures “the Holy Bible... is the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.”

Sola Gratia (Grace Alone)

Answers the question – “What must I do to earn salvation?”

**Romans 3:23-25** *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift [Grace Alone], through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus [Christ Alone], 25 *whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith* [Faith Alone]. *This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.**

NH Confessions - Article IV. Of the Way of Salvation “We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace;”

Sola Fide (Faith Alone)

Answers the question “What must I do to be saved?” or “How do I receive salvation?”

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...” Acts 16:31

"If any one saith, that by faith alone the impious is justified; in such wise as to mean, that nothing else is required to co-operate in order to the obtaining the grace of Justification, and that it is not in any way necessary, that he be prepared and disposed by the movement of his own will; let him be anathema" (Council of Trent, Canons on Justification, Canon 9).

## Solus Christus (Christ Alone)

Answers the questions – 1) What is the object and basis of saving faith? and 2) through whom can we approach God?

CCC 1477 "This treasury includes as well the prayers and good works of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are truly immense, unfathomable, and even pristine in their value before God. In the treasury, too, are the prayers and good works of all the saints, all those who have followed in the footsteps of Christ the Lord and by his grace have made their lives holy and carried out the mission the Father entrusted to them. In this way they attained their own salvation and at the same time cooperated in saving their brothers in the unity of the Mystical Body."

## NH Confession - V. Of Justification

We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ of His fullness bestows on such as believe in Him [Christ Alone], is Justification; that Justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through His own redemption and righteousness, by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness [Faith Alone] is freely imputed to us of God [Grace Alone]; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

## Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone)

Question 2: What is the chief end of man? *Answer:* Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

## **God's Glory in Salvation**

**2 Corinthians 4:15** *For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.*

**Ephesians 1:3-14** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ [Christ Alone], according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace [glory of His grace – NASB][Grace Alone], with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that [purpose] we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him [Faith Alone], were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory[Glory of God Alone].*

**Romans 11:33-36** *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” [Who has ever added anything to the wisdom and counsel of God? NO ONE – Sola Scriptura] 35 “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” [Who has even given anything to God that would merit favor and repayment from him? NO ONE – Sola Gratia] 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.[Soli Deo Gloria]*

### **God’s Glory in All Things**

**1 Samuel 12:22** *For the LORD will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself.*

**Psalms 23:3** *He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

**Psalms 25:11** *For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.*

**Isaiah 48:11** *For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.*

**Matthew 6:9** *Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”*

**1 Corinthians 10:31** *So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*