

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

SOLA FIDE

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Sermon Questions – 5 Solas - Sola Fide

1. Martin Luther famously wrote two words in his Bible summarizing his beliefs: Sola Fide (Faith Alone). What two words or phrase would you use to summarize your beliefs?
2. Sola fide is the belief that justification is by faith alone and not on the basis of any good works. How do the following verses support this belief?
 - a. John 3:16
 - b. Acts 16:31
 - c. Romans 3:28
 - d. Philippians 3:9
3. What are the differences (if any) between believing faith, the gift of faith, and a growing faith?
4. Read Romans 3:21-31 and discuss the following:
 - a. Verse 21 says “the righteousness of God has been manifested (made known)”. How do we get it? Why do we need it?
 - b. How does Paul describe what Jesus did when he died? What do these verses tell us about why he died on the cross (v. 24-25)?
 - c. Why do you think being justified by faith mean that “boasting...is excluded (v. 27)?”
 - d. How does believing the gospel and “boasting” in Christ humble us? Enable us to be honest with ourselves? Free us from anxiety? Stop us from fearing failure or death?
5. Read Leviticus 16:1-17 and discuss the following:
 - a. What was the high priest of Israel, Aaron, to do with a goat (v. 5, 15-17)?
 - b. In what way was the animal “presented?”
 - c. What did the sacrifices of the bull (for Aaron) and the goat (for the people) achieve?
 - d. How do the details of this passage help us appreciate further what is meant by “God presented His Son as a sacrifice of atonement” in Romans 3:25?
6. Optional: Are Sola Fida and James 2:18-26 complimentary or contradictory? Explain.
7. End your time in prayer asking the Lord to grow your faith in Him (2 Peter 3:18) and to help with your unbelief (Mark 9:23-24).

- I. There is a **FAITH** that we must **RENOUCE**.

JUSTIFICATION - a validating performance record

REDEMPTION - the payment of release

PROPITIATION - the removal of wrath

- II. There is a **VERDICT** that we must **RECEIVE**.