



One Christ-One Commission-One Commandment

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Our Vision

ONE CHRIST

In a spiritually confused world we will bring the truth that there is only one way to know God, and that is through Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

ONE COMMISSION

In an often distracted church we will prioritize telling others the good news about Jesus and mentoring those who want to grow deeper in their Christian Faith. "Now go out to the Street corners and invite everyone you see." Matthew 22:9

ONE COMMANDMENT

In an increasingly isolated society we will love God, love others and build a healthy, life- giving Christian Fellowship.

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**Discover Brother Martin 1483 –1546 AD**

**"Here I stand; I can do no other."**

**The period from Athanasius to Martin Luther includes much of the Middle Ages in which there were several major developments.**

The Development of Roman Catholic Theology and the Rise in Roman Catholic Political Power

The Great Schism of AD 1054 – The Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church divide

The Spread of Islam – Muhammad is born in 570 AD

The Crusades – 9 Wars fought between 1095 and 1291 AD

The Missionaries- Patrick and Boniface

The Dissidents – John Wycliffe and John Hus

The Reformers – John Calvin and Ulrich Zwingli.

**Martin Luther - 1483 –1546 AD**

Martin Luther was a German monk who lived in the mid1500s. He had been taught that in order to get God to smile upon him he needed to do good things. No matter how hard he tried to do good, however, even quitting his law studies to dedicate himself to serving God and others as a monk, Luther remained afraid of God and afraid for his eternal salvation because he

couldn't stop sinning. His religion gave him no peace, no hope, no love and no personal encounter with the Lord. In his pit of fear and despair caused by a religion of bondage. Luther had a personal encounter with the Gospel and with the Lord.

He elaborated about this revelation by stating that when he had read Romans 1:17 and spent days and nights meditating on it, the light bulb clicked on. He said he finally understood what the gospel was all about. He stated, "I began to understand that the righteous person shall live by faith," ... "This immediately made me feel as though I had been born again and as though I had entered through the open gates into paradise itself. From that moment, I saw the whole face of Scripture in a new light".

### The Five "Solas" of the Reformation

1. **Sola scriptura:** " \_\_\_\_\_ "

Only the Bible was "inspired by God" (2 Peter 1:20-21) and "God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Anything taught by anyone that contradicted the Bible was to be rejected. Sola scriptura also fueled the translation of the Bible into German, French, English, and other languages, and prompted Bible teaching in the common languages of the day, rather than in Latin.

2. **Sola fide:** " \_\_\_\_\_ "

Sola fide emphasizes salvation as a free gift. The Roman Catholic Church of the time emphasized the use of indulgences (donating money) to buy status with God. Good works, including baptism, were seen as required for salvation. Sola fide stated that salvation is a free gift to all who

### Starting in Two Weeks – New Message Series



THE LEAST OF THESE  
MINISTRIES  
MATTHEW 25:40

Next Sunday we are collecting food for the Arvada Food Bank and coats, socks and jeans to distribute to the homeless of Denver.



### **On human nature:**

"Nothing is easier than sinning."

"Human nature is like a drunk peasant. Lift him into the saddle on one side, over he topples on the other side."

### **On marriage and family:**

"Think of all the squabbles Adam and Eve must have had in the course of their nine hundred years. Eve would say, "You ate the apple," and Adam would retort, "You gave it to me."

### **On music:**

"The devil should not be allowed to keep all the best tunes for himself."

### **On Prayer:**

"Oh, if only I could pray the way this dog watches the meat! All his thoughts are concentrated on the piece of meat. Otherwise he has no thought, wish, or hope."

### **On Himself:**

"If I rest, I rust."

accept it by faith (John 3:16). Salvation is not based on human effort or good deeds (Ephesians 2:9).

### **3. Sola gratia: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”**

Salvation comes from what God has done rather than what we do. Ephesians 2:8-9 teaches, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

### **4. Solo Christo: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”**

Solo Christo emphasizes the role of Jesus in salvation. The Roman Catholic tradition had placed church leaders such as priests in the role of intercessor between the laity and God. Reformers emphasized Jesus’ role as our “high priest” who intercedes on our behalf before the Father. Hebrews 4:15 teaches, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” Jesus is the One who offers access to God, not a human spiritual leader.

### **5. Soli Deo gloria: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”**

Soli Deo gloria emphasizes the glory of God as the goal of life. Rather than striving to please church leaders, keep a list of rules, or guard our own interests, our goal is to glorify the Lord. The idea of soli Deo gloria is found in 1 Corinthians 10:31: “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

## Luther's conflicts with Johannes Tetzel & Pope Leo the X

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"So long as Christ is merciful, I will not recant a single jot or tittle." He added, "Unless I can be instructed and convinced with evidence from the Scriptures or with open, clear, and distinct grounds of reasoning" then I cannot and will not recant, because it is neither safe nor wise to act against conscience. Here I stand. I cannot do no other. God help me! Amen!"

**The Reformation** led by Luther brought the founding of new "Protestant" churches and the **results were amazing**:

1. **Worshipping in the common language** of the people became the norm in the new churches.
2. **Justification by faith alone** led to a de-emphasis of external rituals and focused on the inner spiritual life. The stress was placed on a personal relationship with the Lord!
3. **Authority of Scripture** replaced the authority of the pope and medieval tradition. The Bible became the basis for the new church. All doctrine and teachings were pulled from and guided by the Bible.
4. **Preaching even by lay preachers, became more important.** The Body of Christ became the focus of the new churches. Preaching and teaching rose in the lay people as they studied the word for themselves.
5. **Monasticism as the ideal of holiness was replaced by the priesthood of all believers.** Each person's calling was considered an area of divine service. This fostered a church where the people were expected to minister in their area of

gifts. People were expected and exhorted to be God's ministers where ever God had placed them.

6. The liturgy was redesigned to accord with the Scriptures. The emphasis in the new churches was toward readings from the Word of God. **Sermons based directly on the Bible.**

7. The new churches brought worship back to the lay people. Congregational worship remains one of Luther's most enduring legacies. The new churches brought back the common practice of the people singing and worshipping God. **The people were taught to worship and experience the presence of God in worship.**

8. The family began to be seen as a household of faith. Martin and Katherine Luther became an example of the Protestant home. **A Christian role model for the family unit was emphasized in the church.**

### Quotable quotes from Martin Luther

#### On the Bible:

"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me."

"I would like all my books to be destroyed so that only the sacred writings in the Bible would be diligently read."

#### On Church Practices:

"A simple layman armed with Scripture is to be believed above the pope or a cardinal without it."

