

Sermon: “Here We Stand”

Text: Romans 11:33-36 (page 947 in the pew Bible)

Martin Luther, his 95 Theses (October 31, 1517) and the Five Pillars (“Solas”) of the Reformation

I. Sola Gratia—Grace alone Ephesians 2:1, 4-5 “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved.”

II. Solus Christus—Christ alone

A. His death the justice for our sins

I Peter 2:24 “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

B. His life the righteousness for our salvation

Romans 3:21-22 “But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.”

III. Sola Fide—Faith alone

Ephesians 2:8-9 “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.”

IV. Soli Deo Gloria—The Glory of God alone

Romans 11:33-36

V. Sola Scriptura - Scripture alone

II Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Psalm 138:2

“You have exalted above all things

Your name and Your word.”