

## **“Why we need a NEW Reformation!”**

**Jeremiah 6:16-19; II Timothy 3:1-17, 4:1-8**



Introduction: We have arrived! It's where we have arrived that is the problem!!

**II Timothy 3:1-17:** “ ... having the appearance of godliness ” (vs. 5).

**II Timothy 4:1-8:** “*For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching ...*” (vs. 3).

The majority of “Christians” today believe that all religions are but different paths to the same “god.”

**Jeremiah 6:16-19:** “ ... ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is ... ” (vs. 16).

“ Doctrine ” = “teaching” ... Teaching what? TRUTH !

The five “ solas ” are the heart of the Gospel.

***The entire Bible is truth from God, and all the truth we need for life in this world and in the world to come is found in God's Word.***

### **I. “Sola Scriptura” – “Scripture alone” ...**

It is the word “ alone ” that caused conflict then and does so now.

The ONLY source of true knowledge of the one true God is the Bible, God's Word, His revelation.

Any other “voice,” either spoken or written, that contradicts what God reveals in His Word is WRONG ... because GOD says so!

The human race and many in the church are in danger of judgment because they have rejected the Word alone as the final authority regarding God and His plan of salvation in Jesus Christ.

### **II. “Sola Gratia” – “Grace alone” ...**

The natural thinking of sinful man is to believe that he can and must in some way contribute to or cooperate with God in order to be saved.

The confusion lies in a lack of understanding regarding regeneration.

**Ephesians 2:8-9:** “*By GRACE you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God ...*”

The Bible teaches that we are, both before and after our regeneration, dependent on God's favor toward us (Philippians 2:12-13).

No human effort of any kind can accomplish the work of regeneration, but only God's grace working through His Word and Spirit.

### **III. “Sola Fide” – “Faith alone” ...**

**Galatians 2:16:** “*We know that a person is not justified by works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ.*”

**James 2:24** must be understood in the context of **Ephesians 2:8-10** ... True faith produces good works.

“*Faith alone*” acknowledges that it is only the righteousness of Christ that can stand in God's presence, and it can be received only by the true faith produced through the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit.

### **IV. “Sola Christo” – “Christ alone” ...**

God's Word, the only source of truth for salvation, tells us that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of all the Old Testament prophecies.

**John 14:6:** “*I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through ME !*”

Desiring to reach the masses, much of the church has stopped preaching Christ and Him crucified to get people to believe in “a god.”

Jesus is the “*stone of stumbling*” who IS the Cornerstone !

### **V. “Sola Deo Gloria” – “For the glory of God alone” ...**

When you know the truth about salvation and stand on God's Word you can KNOW that God has chosen YOU for HIS glory !

**Isaiah 40:27-31; 43:1-3a,7:** “ ... *everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory* ” (43:7).

**Romans 8:1, 28, 31-35a, 37-39** ... God does not exist to make you “ happy ” in this world ... He sent Jesus to save you from self-centered living to find true JOY in living to serve HIM!!!