

ALONE!
The Holy Spirit Alone!
John 6:63

ONE THING

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On April 18, 2021 we embarked together on a journey of what have become known as the Five Solae...

Today we are concluding our series...



→ Martin Luther – April 18, 1521

April 18, 2021 marked the 500th Anniversary of a very famous event...

A young Catholic monk had been causing quite a stir throughout Europe with his belief that the Bible must be the final authority of our faith and practice...

He rejected the idea that an edict from the pope or a council could add to and even replace clear teachings in Scripture...

His name was Martin Luther...

And on April 18, 1521, before the watching eyes of all Europe, Luther was told to openly reject all of his objections against the pope and the Catholic Church...

An unwillingness to RECANT his writings would certainly deem him a heretic and he would be most certainly killed...

Before this crowd, Luther sealed his fate by making the following statement...

Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. Here I stand, I can do no other. May God help me. Amen

This spark fueled what has become known as the Protestant Reformation...

At its core, the Reformation was a “back to the Bible” movement.

- ***Sola Scriptura*** (“*Scripture alone*”): ***The Bible alone is our highest authority.***
- ***Sola Fide*** (“*faith alone*”): ***We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.***
- ***Sola Gratia*** (“*grace alone*”): ***We are saved by the grace of God alone.***
- ***Solus Christus*** (“*Christ alone*”): ***Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.***
- ***Soli Deo Gloria*** (“*to the glory of God alone*”): ***All for God’s glory.***

As I read Luther’s writings regarding each of these “ALONE’S” I noticed that he referenced over and over again the necessity of the Holy Spirit as the agent accomplishing these truths in the life of the believer...

However, through the years, the Holy Spirit has been relegated to a back seat... almost considered unnecessary in the work of salvation...

Many of the very people who proudly promote their Trinitarian theology have, in effect, removed the Holy Spirit from a necessary doctrine and practice of the Church!

Sadly, for many evangelicals today their idea of the Trinity is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Scriptures!

Pastors of Mega Churches are writing books about “The God I Never Knew” (referring to the Holy Spirit)...

Recently, a Mega-church pastor was confronted with this reality and called a Pastor friend of mine to talk with him about the Holy Spirit...

Ministers are graduating from seminaries with NO TEACHING or TRAINING in the work of the Holy Spirit.

In fact, most believers, including ministers, know a lot about what they DON’T believe regarding the Holy Spirit, but little to nothing about what they DO BELIEVE regarding the Holy Spirit...

For the past 40 years of walking with the Lord I have come to learn that...

The Holy Spirit is the central Agent for living the life of faith here on earth!

As a result, my ongoing references to the Holy Spirit, His work, His guidance, His daily necessity has labeled me anywhere from a Charismatic to a dangerous fanatic...

I’ve made many people nervous through the years with my continual referencing of the Holy Spirit...

I decided to include a SIXTH SOLAE to our “ALONE” series and conclude with the Holy Spirit Alone...

We began five weeks ago going to go over the SIX essential elements necessary for thriving in this world...



Each of these items are exclusive in their Biblical explanation and essential in their personal application.

Each of these are unique in their implication, yet universal in their application.

For example, Scripture is **EXCLUSIVE** from every other writing in that it is **ALIVE!**

Biblical Grace is **EXCLUSIVE** in its Scriptural explanation as God's **ONLY PATH** to Salvation...

Pic 2 – The Spirit Alone



We are going to conclude our series, “**ALONE!**” with the **SIXTH** of these essential items...

→ The Holy Spirit Alone! ←

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There is ENTRANCE into a new life Jesus PROVIDES that is only EXPERIENCED through the PROMISED Holy Spirit!

Jesus’ provision...

John 10:10b (ESV) — ... I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

The Spirit’s promise...

John 6:63a (ESV) — It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all...

1. The Holy Spirit SECURES our new life INITIALLY!

John 6:63a (ESV) — It is the Spirit who gives life...

John 14:15–17 (ESV) — If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

2 Corinthians 5:5 (ESV) — He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Romans 8:16 (ESV) — The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

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John 6:63a (ESV) — It is the Spirit who gives life...

The Holy Spirit not only secures us in our conversion, but also SEALS us for all eternity!

Ephesians 1:13–14 (ESV) — In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

2 Corinthians 1:21–22 (ESV) — And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

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3. The Holy Spirit SANCTIFIES our new life DAILY!

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 (ESV) — Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Even though we were sealed with the Holy Spirit we must know that we CAN GRIEVE Him...

Ephesians 4:30 (ESV) — And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

We grieve the Holy Spirit when unconfessed sin is active in our lives.

We can also quench the Holy Spirit...

1 Thessalonians 5:19 (ESV) — Do not quench the Spirit.

We quench the Holy Spirit when we extinguish His fire from moving in the way He chooses.

→ Your Spirit...

Our Conscience...

Acts 24:16 (ESV) — 16 So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man.

Hebrews 13:18 (ESV) — 18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.

→ Your Soul...

... Your mind...

1 Corinthians 2:16 (ESV) — For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

... Your Emotions...

Philippians 4:6–7 (ESV) — Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And

the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

... Your Will...

Philippians 2:13 (ESV) — For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

→ Your Body...

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (ESV) — Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

CONCLUSIONS

YOU: This is where we tell people what to do with what they have heard

This is APPLICATION

Must answer the three main questions

QUESTION #3

NOW WHAT? – What should we do now?

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