

SOLI DEO GLORIA

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Romans 11:33–36

[33] *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

[34] *“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”*

[35] *“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”*

[36] *For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

INTRODUCTION

At the heart of the Protestant Reformation there was a return to a proper worship of God, both corporately and individually.

Sola means only, alone.

The Five Solas of the Reformation are the five pilar doctrines the Reformers affirmed.

- Sola Scriptura = Scripture Alone
- Sola Gratia = Grace Alone
- Sola Fide = Faith Alone
- Solus Christus = Christ Alone
- Soli Deo Gloria = To the Glory of God Alone

The only proper response to theology is doxology/worship.

WISDOM

We worship God because he is utterly distinct from us.

1 Corinthians 1:25—*For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

It takes faith to worship a God who transcends us and transcends our understanding.

We worship God because he shares wisdom with us.

Colossians 2:3—...in [Christ] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

RICHES

God owns everything!

1 Corinthians 4:7—What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

John 15:5—I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

1 Corinthians 15:10—But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Christian worship begins when we realize that we have nothing in our hands to offer God except the grace he grants.

Sometimes God must strip us from all our confidence so we can begin to understand that worship is not about us, but about God.

Job 1:20—Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped.

SUPREMACY

Because God created all things, all things owe him worship.

Revelation 4:11

*“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”*

The purpose of your life is to worship your creator.

The trajectory of every human life leads to a perennial worship of the one true God.

Worship God with your entire life.

Worship God with his people.