

Doctrines of the Reformation

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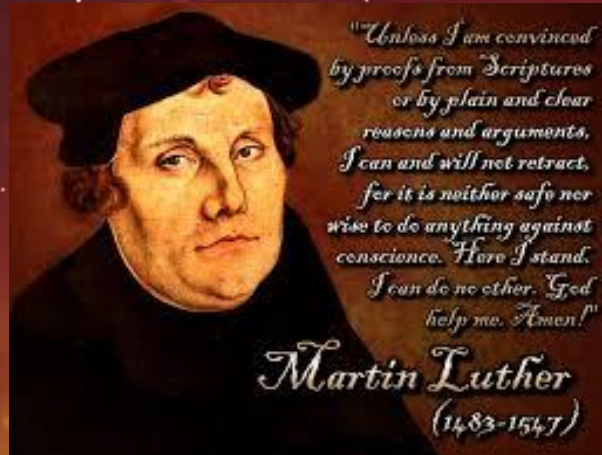
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FROM FAITH
FOR FAITH, **AS IT IS WRITTEN,**
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ROMANS 1:16-17

The Authority and Sufficiency of Scripture



**Erasmus - Greek NT
(1469 - 1536)**



**Luther - German Bible
(1483-1546)**



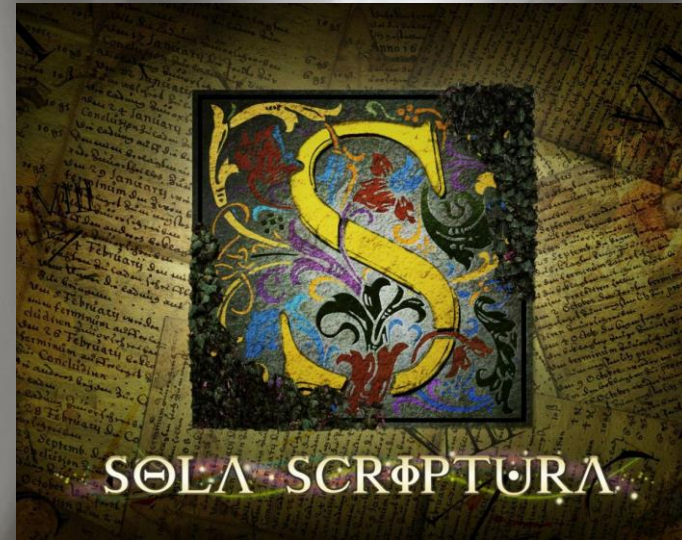
**Tyndale - English Bible
(1490 - 1536)**



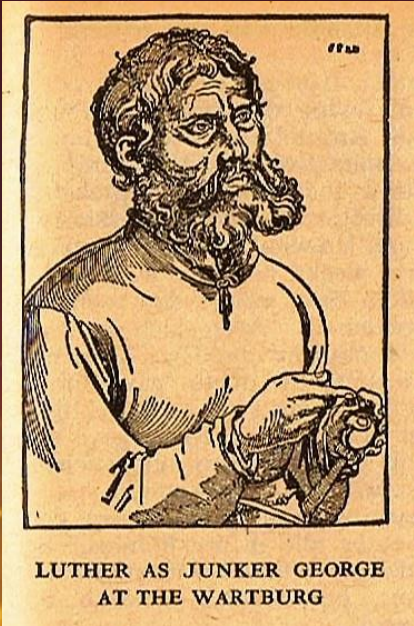
The Authority and Sufficiency of Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16 - 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God² may be complete, equipped for every good work.

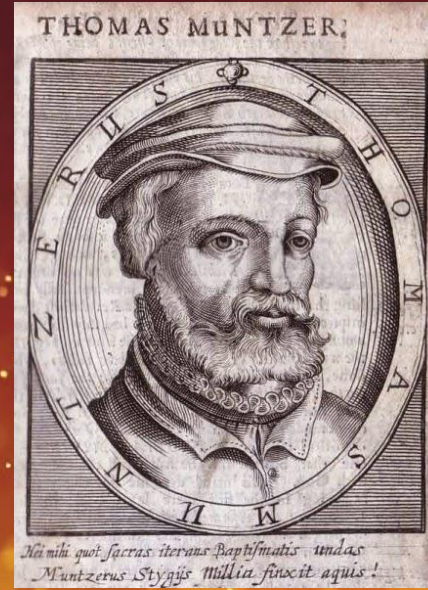
2 Peter 1:20-21 - 19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.



Challenging the Authority and Sufficiency of Scripture – The Zwickau Prophets



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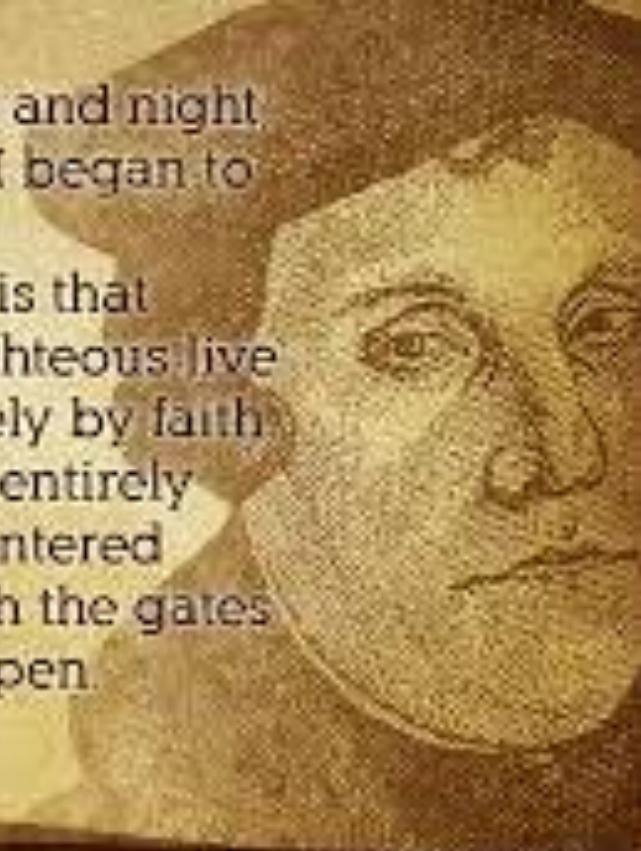
Justification – Luther’s Struggle – Romans 1:16-17

Romans 1:16-17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”



Justification – Luther's Struggle



At last meditating day and night
by the mercy of God, I began to
understand that the
righteousness of God is that
through which the righteous live
by a gift of God, namely by faith.
Here I felt as if I were entirely
born again and had entered
paradise itself through the gates
that had been flung open.

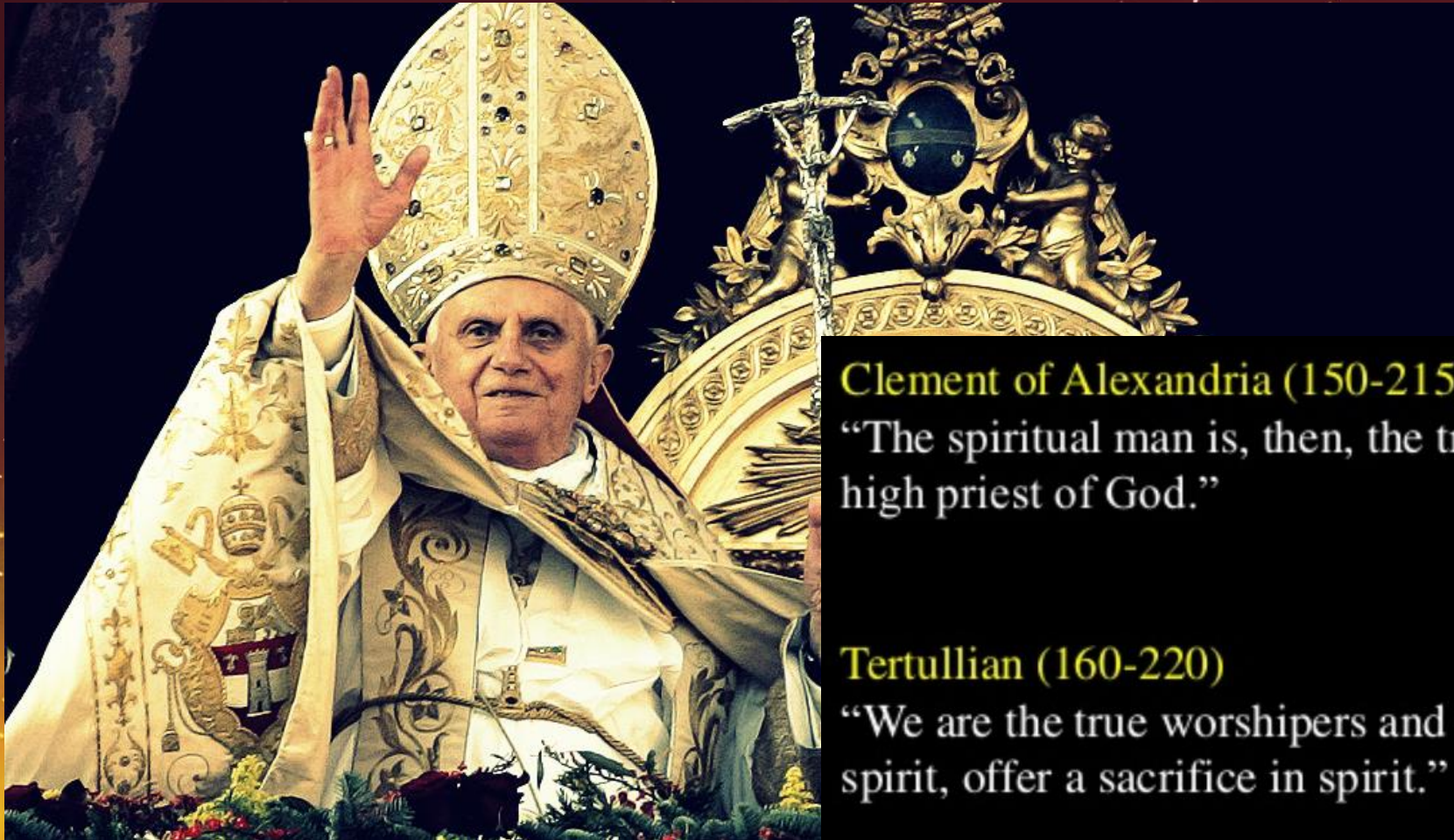
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Justification – Luther's Struggle



Luther - And this is the meaning: the righteousness of God is revealed by the gospel, namely, the passive righteousness with which the merciful God justifies us by faith, as it is written, “He who through faith is righteous shall live.” Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates. Thus a totally other face of the entire Scripture showed itself to me. Hereupon I ran through the Scriptures from memory. I also found in other terms an analogy, as the work of God, that is, what God does in us, the power of God, with which he makes us strong, the wisdom of God, with which he makes us wise, the strength of God, the salvation of God, the glory of God. And I extolled my sweetest word with a love as great as the hatred with which I had before hated the word “Righteousness of God.” Thus that place in Paul was for me truly the gate to paradise.

Priesthood of All Believers



Clement of Alexandria (150-215)

“The spiritual man is, then, the truly kingly man. He is the sacred high priest of God.”

Tertullian (160-220)

“We are the true worshipers and the true priests who, praying in the spirit, offer a sacrifice in spirit.”

“Are not even we laymen priests? It is written, ‘He has made us a kingdom also and priests.’ ”

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Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

“...but they shall be priests of God and Christ...”

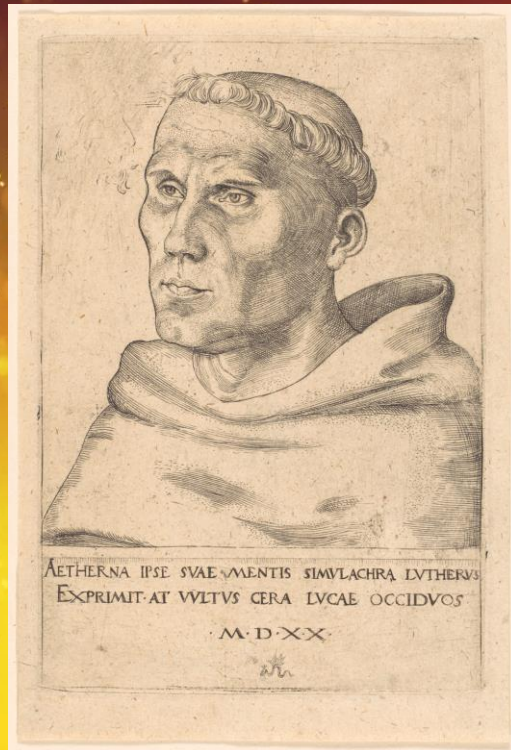
...this refers not to bishops alone, and presbyters, who are now specifically called priests in the Church; but as we call all believers Christians on account of the mystical chrism, so we call all priests because they are members of the one Priest.

Of them the Apostle Peter says, ‘A holy people, a royal priesthood.’”



Priesthood of All Believers

Luther - In name the empire belongs to us, but in reality to the pope. . . . We Germans are given a clear German lesson. Just as we thought we had achieved independence, we became the slaves of the craziest of tyrants; we have the name, title, and coats of arms of the empire, but the pope has the wealth, power, the courts, and the laws. Thus the pope devours the fruit and we play with the peels.



Priesthood of All Believers

Ephesians 4:11-14 - 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds[a] and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood,[c] to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

The Priesthood of All Believers

1 Peter 2:5-9 –

5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

8 and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.



The Priesthood of All Believers

What does the priesthood of all believers mean to us today?

Why is this an important doctrine always to be at the forefront of our churches?



The Sovereignty of God, the Bondage of the Human Will and Total Depravity

◦ Luther - “If we do not want to drop this term altogether – which would really be the safest and most Christian thing to do – we may still in good faith teach people to use it to credit man with ‘free-will’ in respect, not of what is above him, but of what is below him. That is to say, man should realize that in regard to his money and possessions he has a right to use them, to do or to leave undone, according to his own ‘free-will’ – though that very ‘free-will’ is overruled by the free-will of God alone, according to his own pleasure. However, with regard to God, and in all that bears on salvation or damnation, he has no ‘free-will’, but is a captive, prisoner and bondsman, either to the will of God, or to the will of Satan.”



The Sovereignty of God

Romans 8:28-30 - 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Ephesians 1:4 - Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Ephesians 1:11 - In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will.

**Isaiah 46:8-10 - 8 “Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors,
9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand and I will accomplish all my purpose,’**

The Sovereignty of God, the Bondage of the Human Will and Total Depravity

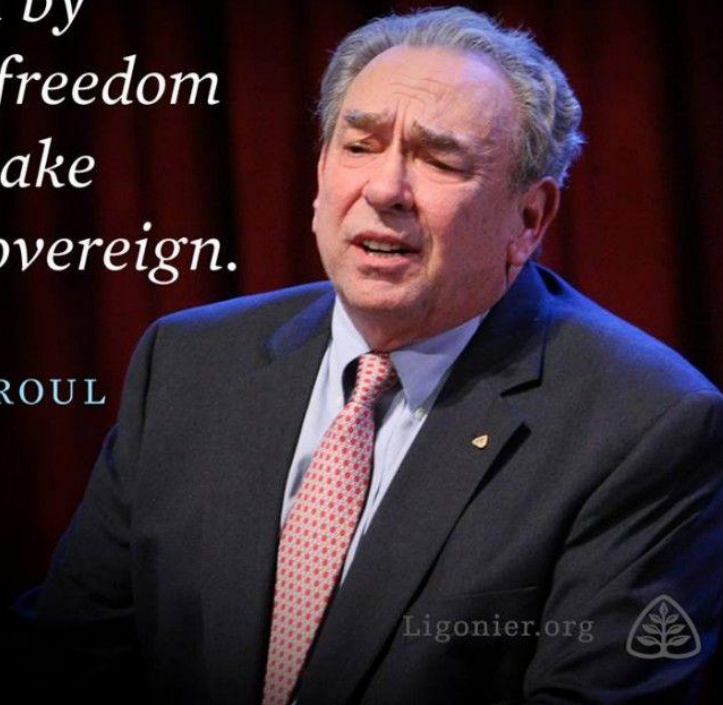


“Luther - THIS, therefore, is also essentially necessary and wholesome for Christians to know: That God foreknows nothing by contingency, but that He foresees, purposes, and does all things according to His immutable, eternal, and infallible will. By this thunderbolt, “Free-will” is thrown prostrate, and utterly dashed to pieces. Those, therefore, who would assert “Free-will,” must either deny this thunderbolt, or pretend not to see it, or push it from them.

The Sovereignty of God, the Bondage of the Human Will and Total Depravity

*To say that God's
sovereignty is
limited by
man's freedom
is to make
man sovereign.*

—R.C. SPROUL



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"Nothing whatever, whether great or small, can happen to a believer without God's ordering and permission."

There is no such thing as chance, luck, or accident in the Christian's journey through this world. All is arranged and appointed by God. And all things are 'working together' for the believer's good."

J.C. Ryle

**The Sovereignty of God,
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Bondage of the Human Will and Total Depravity

Legally Guilty and In Bondage

- “None is righteous, no, not one Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. (Romans 3:9–10, 19)
 - The word Accountable” (Greek *hupodikos*) means “under the sentence of condemnation.” Or we could say, in bondage, imprisoned, awaiting the sentence of execution.

Bondage in loving darkness

- This is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. (John 3:19–20)

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Bondage of the Human Will and Total Depravity

Bondage in Hating God's Supremacy

- **Romans 8:6–8** - The mindset of the flesh is death [my translation: the Greek *fronema* is more than thinking; it is an orientation, disposition, set course of attitude], but the mindset of the Spirit is life and peace. For the mindset of the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Bondage in Spiritual Death

- You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. (Ephesians 2:1–3)

Bondage of the Human Will and Total Depravity

Bondage in Blindness to Christ

- **1 Corinthians 2:6–8** - It is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- **Verses 13–14** - We impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

The Sovereignty of God, Bondage of the Will, Total Depravity

The Fall of Man has left him dead to God. Salvation demands a Sovereign God.

How do these doctrines change how we live our daily lives?