

5 Solas Ministry Mission Statement

I've been working on a list of what is important to me and, I believe, to my God.

It's a very short list. The list of the unimportant is growing longer very quickly. I find that my short list reflects the list of the great Reformers.

1. **Sola Scriptura** (Scripture alone). Translation: Don't bore me with the latest Church Growth/Self-help/Goal setting manual. Not interested, won't read it. Only clear Biblical doctrine is important to my faith.
2. **Solus Christus** (Christ alone). Translation: Salvation is in Christ alone, the Christ of Scripture. No social gospel, no works based "servant evangelism", just the genuine Jesus of the Bible, period.
3. **Sola fide** (Faith alone). Translation: I'm not interested in methodologies, only the one given by Christ, "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."
4. **Sola gratia** (Grace alone). Translation: Salvation is only by His grace, not new-age meditation, not purpose-driven works, not numbers based strategies. Just God's grace.
5. **Soli Deo gloria** (For God's glory alone) Translation: Don't bother me with politics, church or secular. If you want to wield authority, if you want to "build the kingdom", if you want to play church, if you want to discuss modern culture, I'm simply not interested because God's Word is timeless and unaffected by all these things. He will establish His kingdom and it is not of this earth. And all things exist solely for His glory.

From now on, all that matters to me is in the preceding list. My decisions will be based on whether any issue is compatible with these. I will no longer waste time worrying about numbers, whatever is being counted, whether money, members, success, or whatever.

I will no longer fret about hurting feelings. Whether or not this hurts some is of no great consequence. I must obey my God, not "the tyranny of the urgent". I have heard a higher call and I must follow Christ Jesus, our Great Shepherd.

If you are like-minded, come alongside and we'll travel together. If you're of another mind, please get out of the way. For it is written: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" ([Amos 3:3, KJV](#))

SOLI DEO GLORIA!