



The five *solas* are five Latin phrases popularized during the Protestant Reformation that emphasized the distinctions between the early Reformers and the Roman Catholic Church.

#5- *Soli Deo Gloria* - To God Alone be the Glory!

Romans 11:33-36; Hebrews 13:20-21

It is very natural for us to be man-centered in our outlook. We see things from our human point of view, but we are missing the big picture. It's not about us; it's all about the Almighty, the most high God. Our thoughts and our outlook must be theocentric rather than anthropocentric, that is, God-centered, rather than man-centered. We must see things from God's point of view.

A. W. Tozer, in *The Knowledge of the Holy*, wrote the following, "The Church has surrendered her once lofty concept of God and has substituted for it one so low, so ignoble, as to be utterly unworthy of thinking, worshiping men. This low view of God is the cause of a hundred lesser evils everywhere among us. It is impossible to keep our moral practices sound and our inward attitudes right while our idea of God is erroneous or inadequate. If we would bring back spiritual power to our lives, we must begin to think of God more nearly as He is. The idolatrous heart assumes that God is other than He is—in itself a

monstrous sin—and substitutes for the true God one made after its own likeness. There is scarcely an error in doctrine or a failure in applying Christian ethics that cannot be traced finally to imperfect and ignoble thoughts about God."

We are here for only one reason, to glorify our Creator. "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever" (Westminster Catechism). Whatever we do, including the most mundane activities, should all be done to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31). Only in Him do we live, move and have our being (Acts 17:28). How often do Paul, Peter, John and Jude burst into doxology, "To Him be glory forever and ever!" (Rom. 11:36; 2 Pet. 3:18, Rev. 1:6; Jude 25, etc.).

Romans 11:33-36: O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! (34) For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been His counsellor? (35) Or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed unto Him again? (36) For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21: Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, (21) make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

