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## **Sola Scriptura (Only Scripture)**

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In the year 1517, the Roman Catholic church was selling papers that said people didn’t have to suffer for their sins. Buy a paper certificate and the punishment for your sin is done! No more worries about sin!

Martin Luther said that was wrong. On Oct. 31, 1517, he nailed 95 statements to the church door for priests and teachers to discuss. He wanted the church to know we can’t buy forgiveness, only Jesus forgives us, and that teaching spread quickly. That was almost 500 years ago! That new beginning in the church was called the Reformation. This October, the church will celebrate that new beginning and the good news that Jesus forgives all our sins and gives us true life.

Over the months leading up to October, we will look at three phrases that were important in the Reformation. The first one is Sola Scriptura (Latin phrase that means “Only Scripture”). That means only the Bible tells us what God wants us to know. Only the Bible teaches what God wants us to do (Law) and how God saves us (Gospel).

Suppose you want to plant a garden. You have never planted a garden before, so you find a book that explains what to do. You learn that you should wait until the frost is done for the year, you learn where to plant, how deep to put the seeds, etc. A friend tells you a different way. He says seeds need to be warm before they will sprout, so you should microwave your seeds first and make them very warm. Then they will grow.

You have two choices. Follow the book and you will have a garden. Microwave the seeds and you will have dead seeds. Only use the book!

It is the same with Scripture (Bible). Some churches add their own teachings. People have their own ideas. God says? Only use the book! Our ideas and our made-up teachings will only kill faith. God’s true word in the Bible tells us the truth that we are sinners, and the Bible tells us the good news of Jesus. We don’t get our teaching from any other place. Only Scripture!

Pastor Eckert

# Dive Into God's Word

Many people know that Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible. Psalm 119 is also unique because it is all about God's word. The psalm uses different terms for God's word: law, teachings, principles, instruction, commandments, and others. When you read it, understand that all those terms are talking about God's word.

Read this section, Psalm 119:89-96, and answer these questions about God's word. See the bottom of p. 4 for answers.

Psalm 119:89-91 O Lord, Your word is established in heaven forever.  
Your faithfulness endures throughout every generation.  
You set the earth in place, and it continues to stand.  
All things continue to stand today because of Your regulations,  
since they are all Your servants.

1. How long does God's word continue?
2. Why does the earth continue today? What keeps the earth going today?

Psalm 119:92 If Your teachings had not made me happy,  
then I would have died in my misery.

3. God's teachings give us what?

Psalm 119:93-94 I will never forget Your guiding principles,  
because You gave me a new life through them.  
I am Yours. Save me, because I have searched for Your guiding principles.

4. God's word (guiding principles) gives us what?
5. I will never \_\_\_\_\_ Your guiding principles. What can you do to help you remember God's word?

Psalm 119:95-96 The wicked people have waited for me in order to destroy me,  
yet I want to understand Your written instructions.  
I have seen a limit to everything else,  
but Your commandments have no limit.

6. Our enemies want to destroy us. If we know God's word, how can that protect us?
7. Everything on earth has limits. People have limited abilities to help. Our health is not always good, our life has a limit of 70 or 80 years. What has no limit? What do you think that means?

# God's Word – the Bible

From [www.armoredpenguin.com/wordsearch](http://www.armoredpenguin.com/wordsearch)

Our theme this month is the Bible. The Bible is how God communicates with us, how He teaches us, tells us when we are wrong, and gives us the good news of salvation in Jesus. There are many places in the Bible that talk about how wonderful God's word is. One of those places is 2 Timothy 3:14-17. Find the underlined words in the puzzle.

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A P O I N T I N G U E T T I A  
G O I M D F E P S C R N I S L  
G U D E R A P E R P L A A G T  
E F I R I I J G C A I V S G D  
D G N P R T G A V P E R W N I  
I P N M S H E O F D E E E H S  
S G T I V R R A U H R S I D U  
S E R U T P I R C S Y L O H T  
T H A C P C N A E H E F T N P  
C E I A N H E M E A I F D I U  
R O N D P T C R R R P N U E D  
N W I S D O M N R E U Q G L I  
L V N F N A E H N O E E R S O  
R H G N T D E N F I C U S D D

## Word List

Continue in what you have learned and found to be true. You know who your teachers were. From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures. They have the power to give you wisdom so that you can be saved through faith in Christ Jesus. Every Scripture passage is inspired by God. All of them are useful for teaching, pointing out errors, correcting people, and training them for a life that has God's approval. They equip God's servants so that they are completely prepared to do good things.  
2 Timothy 3:14-17

## Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Mollie Schmitz, Lorri Green, Shirley Green, Mikalah Anderson, Bill and Barbara Zimmerman, Mae and Jerry Hanson, Joan Mass, Gerald Mitchell, Rosie Glime, Wanda McAllister, Neita Dommer, Sharon Pope, Harold Kinkade, Jeanette Kern, Bonnie Lou Huffman, Henry Daggett, Janet Weber, Vicki Hoover's daughter Clela, Terry Ann Check, Paula Slavin, and Ricky Moore with their ongoing physical difficulties, plus all the people still sick with colds and flu.
- ✦ Many people think the Bible is not God's word. Pray that God will open their eyes to see that His word is true and to believe in Jesus as their Savior.
- ✦ Pray for all deaf missions around the world so more Deaf people will know and believe in Jesus.
- ✦ Pray for Andy Petajan as he studies to become a pastor. Also pray for the students who are planning to enroll in DIT next year, that they will all be prepared for their classes.
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.
- ✦ Thank God for Jesus' death on Good Friday and rising alive again on Easter! Because of Jesus, we have life forever in heaven!



**Worship Time Change** – In Cedar Rapids, starting March 5, Bible study will be at 10:00 a.m. and worship will be at 11:00 a.m. We will try this for 6 months. At the end of 6 months, we will decide to keep the new times or change back.

## March

- 3 Zakary Anderson
- 8 Pam Anderson
- 10 Rev. Mark Anderson
- 14 Henry Daggett  
Shirley Green
- 21 Theresa Legg  
Mikalah Anderson
- 23 Susan Eckert  
Vicki Hoover
- 24 Conor Huffman
- 26 Jeanette Kern
- 31 Seth Anderson



## April

- 1 Harold Kinkade
- 2 Joanne Mitchell
- 4 Kim Brenneman
- 10 Joseph Anderson
- 12 David Kern
- 14 Patty Rowray
- 16 Norma Jean Mangrich
- 28 Rachel Eckert

**Many people today talk about global warming or climate change.  
Climate change in Noah's lifetime was not the same as today.**



Answers to Dive Into God's Word.

1. God's word continues forever. His word, His promises, His faithfulness never end.
2. God's word created the earth and everything here. His word keeps it all going today.
3. God's teachings give us joy.
4. God's word gives us new life.
5. Because His word gives us life, we never want to forget His guiding principles. We can remember His word by reading the Bible every day and memorizing special verses
6. Enemies may hurt our bodies, but not our souls. God's word protects our soul. When we follow His word, we will say and do the right thing and that will be a witness that God is with us.
7. God's word has no limit. That means His word is not weak. His word is powerful to save us.

# March 2017

			<b>1</b> Ash Wednesday  7:00 WL – Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Deaf LITES at St. Paul in Marion	<b>4</b>  Deaf LITES at St. Paul in Marion
<b>5</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times. Don't forget new church time!	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 CR-Senior Citizens	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 QC – Worship 1:00 DU – Bible Study Set clocks ahead
<b>12</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times. CR Potluck	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  7:00 WL – Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  1:00 MU-Worship	<b>18</b> 10:00 QC – Worship
<b>19</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 QC – Worship
<b>26</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

BR – Burlington. Concordia Lutheran Church, 2901 Cliff Rd., Burlington. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship at 4:00 p.m.  
 CR – Cedar Rapids. Word of God Lutheran Church Deaf, 1515 29<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Cedar Rapids. Every Sunday, Bible Study at 10:00 a.m., Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
 QC – Quad Cities. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. Every Sunday, Worship at 1:00 p.m.  
 WL – Waterloo/Cedar Falls. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4820 Oster Parkway, Cedar Falls. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays.  
 DU – Dubuque. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2145 John F. Kennedy Rd., Dubuque. 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.  
 MC – Mason City. Meeting in Charles City. Talk to Pastor Northwick for details  
 MU – Muscatine. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2611 Lucas St., Muscatine. Talk to Pastor Eckert to confirm meeting location

# April 2017

						<b>1</b> 10:00 QC – Worship
<b>2</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times. Don't forget new church time!	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  7:00 WL – Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 QC – Worship 1:00 DU – Bible Study
<b>9</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times. CR-Potluck Palm Sunday	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 CR-Senior Citizens	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  3:00 QC – Good Friday Worship 7:00 CR – Good Friday Worship	<b>15</b> 10:00 QC – Worship
<b>16</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times. Easter	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  7:00 WL – Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  1:00 MU – Worship/Study	<b>22</b> 10:00 QC – Worship
<b>23/30</b> * See below for worship and Bible study times.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:00 QC – Worship

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