

Sola Fide

Scripture: **Romans 4:1–8**

Series: **The Five Solas**

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Overview

God accepts us on the condition of faith alone and not on the basis of our obedience. Salvation has always been by faith. The object of our faith is Jesus Christ and the work He performed for sinners in his life, death and resurrection. Faith is comprised of three essential parts—knowledge, assent and trust.

Corroborating Texts

Ephesians 1:11-14; Galatians 3:6-7; Hebrews 11:1; John 6:44; 2 Peter:1:1-11

Discussion Questions

1. Sola Fide means “faith alone.” In what sense is faith *alone*? How does it coexist with and relate to the other four “solos?”
2. Read Romans 4:1-8 together. If one must believe in order to be saved, why is faith not also a work? [even the faith to believe in Jesus is a work of God and is a gift—see John 6:44]
3. What are the two aspects of justification that we receive by faith in Christ? [cleansing from all of our sins as though we never sinned *and* being declared righteous as though we did everything right]
4. Our faith ebbs and flows as part of our earthly experience. Reflect upon and share some of the specific ways in which your faith has been hindered.
5. What are some means that God has provided for sinners to acquire and grow in faith? Have you been motivated by the sermon to nurture your faith by greater focus on one or more of these means? Share about this.
6. What good things tend to increase and feed off of a vibrant faith? Share specific examples from your experience.