

The Wednesday Word, June 14, 2017 - What Does That Mean? (Part 5) - Soli Deo Gloria

Glory to God alone Romans 11:36

Soli Deo Gloria was one of the five mighty battle cries of the Reformation. It means that we, in all matters, are called to Glorify God alone.

But what does 'To Glorify' mean?

It means simply to honour and praise the Lord alone. To Him alone belongs magnificence, excellence, pre-eminence, and dignity. We are called to worship Him. And why not? He is God after all.

No man can take credit for what Yahweh has done, and no man can compare Himself to who He is.

He is perfect in all His ways (Deuteronomy 32:4). Soli Deo Gloria.

He is Light (1 John 1:5). Soli Deo Gloria

He is Love (1 John 4:16). Soli Deo Gloria.

He is Fire (Hebrews 12:29). Soli Deo Gloria.

He is Sovereign (Deuteronomy 3:24). Soli Deo Gloria.

He is Holy (Leviticus 19:2). Soli Deo Gloria.

He is Merciful and Gracious (Psalm 103:8). Soli Deo Gloria.

He did all the work in salvation. He is, therefore, worthy of all the praise and all the honour. Soli Deo Gloria.

He gave us the faith to believe the Gospel. Soli Deo Gloria.

He baptized us into the salvation provided by Christ's doing, dying and rising again. Soli Deo Gloria.

He ransomed, redeemed and reconciled us. Soli Deo Gloria.

Here's a striking fact.....all things are for His glory, not ours! Yahweh, speaking through Isaiah (48:11) tells us; "For my own sake, even for my own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another."

God's salvation is for Himself and for His Glory! Soli Deo Gloria.

Many folks sincerely believe that they give glory to God for their salvation. But it's all in their imagination for they cannot say that they give glory to Him alone. They are clinging to grace + their contribution of good works. But, this is not Bible salvation. Salvation is of the Lord from beginning to end.

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As a result of the Gospel, we can lead lives which glorify God. We have been ransomed, redeemed and reconciled to God Himself in the person of His Son, the God/Man Jesus Christ.

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It is no wonder then that Paul says in 1Corinthians 10:31 "Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.

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In practical terms, Soli Deo Gloria means that everything we do is to be done for God's glory. Man's pride and glory are excluded. We are to be motivated and inspired by God's glory and not our own. He is the goal of our salvation. We, of course, are the beneficiaries of His matchless grace, but we are not the center of God's plan. Ephesians 1:10 informs us of God's ultimate intention saying, "That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:"

That's how the future looks!

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And that's the Gospel Truth!