

Quotes to Ponder

The Reformation was a call for authentic Christianity, an attempt to escape the medieval corruption of the faith through renewal and reform. It's teaching, which swirled around a fivefold repetition of the word "sola" was a radical message for that day (and should be for ours) because it called for a commitment to an entirely God-centered view of faith and life.

John Hannah

Justification by faith - getting right with God, being acquitted in his court, being forgiven for our sins, being declared righteous and having the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and our sins imputed to him, (not becoming righteous, but being counted as righteous while we are still sinners), and all this by faith alone - that is what the first eight chapters of Romans are mostly about. For the apostle Paul, it was the heart of the gospel message.

John Piper

Grace is not a reward for faith; faith is the result of grace.

John Blanchard

Justification is through faith, not on account of faith.

It is not faith that saves, but faith in Jesus Christ.... It is not, strictly speaking, even faith in Christ that saves, but Christ that saves through faith. The saving power resides exclusively, not in the act of faith or the attitude of faith or in the nature of faith, but in the object of faith.

B.B. Warfield

Saving faith is not a native product of the human heart, but is a spiritual grace communicated from on High.

A.W. Pink

No doctrine is more important to evangelical theology than the doctrine of justification by faith alone—the Reformation principle of "sola fide." Martin Luther rightly said the church stands or falls on this one doctrine.

John MacArthur

Night and day I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement that "the just shall live by his faith." Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise.

Martin Luther

We are justified, not by giving anything to God, what we do, but by receiving from God, what Christ has done for us.

William Gurnall



Reformation
1517-2017

Sola Fide

October 8, 2017

Sermon
Notes

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you?
 2. What question does the doctrine of justification by faith alone answer?
 3. Why is the doctrine of justification by faith alone as relevant today as it
was at the time of the Reformation?
 4. What is the danger of denying the doctrine of justification by faith
alone?
 5. Why can't our works save us? Do you have Scripture to back that up?
 6. How do the New Testament writers use the phrase *believe in Him*
(Jesus) in the following verses?
John 3:16, 18 — *Romans 4:5* —

John 6:40 — *Romans 10:11* —
 7. According to *2 Corinthians 5:21*, what does God credit to Christ's ac-
count? To our account?
 8. Some people say, *If you're saved by faith, then faith is a work you do.*
How would you respond?
 9. How does *Romans 3:21-24* summarize God's plan of salvation?
 10. How do we receive the righteousness of God (*Romans 1:17, 3:22*)?
 11. How can a just and holy God justify the ungodly sinner (*Romans 3:26*)?
 12. *Faith* is mentioned in both *Romans 3:25* and *26*. What does *through
faith* mean?
 13. What did the righteousness that was freely given to us cost God

Who paid the price for the righteousness that we have received?
 14. What do people need to believe in order to be saved (*Romans 10:9-
10*)?
 15. What makes a sinful person right before our holy God? What causes
God to accept a sinful person as His child?
 16. Why is it important to emphasize justification by faith alone, with
nothing added (*Romans 4:2*)?
 17. What is the significance of the resurrection in the doctrine of justifica-
tion (*Romans 4:25*)?
- Reflection Questions:** Am I trusting in my good works or my own right-
eousness for my salvation? Is my faith truly in Christ alone? IN what
areas of my life has God not met my expectations? How do I struggle
to have faith and trust Him amidst this? Ask the Lord to give you the
faith you need to follow Him in obedience regardless of your current
situation or circumstances.
- How can we pray for one another and our church this week?