

SOLAS

Romans 11:36, For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Johann Sebastian Bach, one of the greatest musical minds who ever lived was a firm believer in Jesus Christ. He said, “*The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God...*” That is why, at the end of the page of every piece of music he composed, he would write the letters: “S.D.G” Soli Deo Gloria (To God Be The Glory Alone). **Soli Deo Gloria** is the final of the Five Solas of the Reformation.

The Five Solas ultimately proves that God is one hundred percent for us and not against us. We are saved by grace alone, on the basis of Christ’s blood and righteousness alone, through of faith alone, for the ultimate glory of God alone. This final sola basically teaches us that, because our salvation is entirely God’s gift, it ultimately points to the praise and glory of His name alone.

Our salvation is all God’s work, not ours. God’s salvation for us has three parts: 1) *Justification*: We are legally guilty of sin before God, and we were spiritually dead. But in His rich mercy, God sent Christ and by grace forgave our sins and raised us to life. We are justified by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone. 2) *Sanctification*: By grace, we receive an ongoing power of the Holy Spirit which works in our life and helps us to live for God and pursue His will. This part of salvation is all about our growth and maturity in His church. We are sanctified by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone. 3) *Glorification*: When our physical life here on earth ends, we enter into glorious Kingdom of heaven where we will enjoy eternal joy in the presence of God. We will be glorified by God’s grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone. The ultimate purpose of our salvation the highest goal of our life is the glory of God. Mankind’s chief end (main purpose) is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Our scripture, *Romans 11:36* tells us three important realities:

1. **HE IS OUR MAKER (“From Him”)**. God created us to be in relationship with Him. But we have broken with God, we died spiritually. We are all guilty of rebellion incited by Satan and his demons. We have ceased to obey Him or love Him and in guilt and fear have fled as far as possible from His Presence which resulted to an unceasing inner restlessness and emptiness (Ephesians 2:1-2). God, in His rich mercy, provided a way for our relationship with Him to be restored, through Jesus (Ephesians 2:4, Romans 5:10). Everyone who receives Christ is spiritually made alive and recreated (2 Corinthians 5:17).
2. **HE IS OUR SUSTAINER (“Through Him”)**. Sometimes we start something new with a real desire or love to see it through. But as time progresses we start to lose interest in it and finally we stop our involvement with it because our heart isn’t in it anymore. God is not like that. God is the great Sustainer. “In him all things hold together” (Colossians 1:17). He keeps the universe in order; but He also keeps your salvation for you.). What He creates or begins, He will sustain (Philippians 1:6). He not only sustains, He also brings order into our lives and sustains it (Psalm 54:4) by providing us with wisdom; He gives us spiritual gifts so we may serve in His kingdom well (Romans 12:6-8); He infuses us with courage so we may boldly share His gospel with others (Ephesians 6:19); and He helps us to be fruitful (Galatians 5:22-23); and He provides for all our needs (Philippians 4:19); and for every sin we commit, He has grace to forgive (1 John 1:9).
3. **HE IS OUR DESTINY (“For Him”)**. By grace, God’s promise of eternal life in heaven with Him is sure; He is our destiny (1 Peter 1:2-5). But while we are still alive on earth, God wants us to live out our destiny by bringing heaven to people. Through us, we declare that many will come to know Christ (Matthew 5:16). It might be our family, or those that work with us, or go to school with. It might even be your neighbors or people you know on social media. Whoever it might be, let them know what God has done in your life because you never know - something you might say to someone could be just what they need to hear that day. He is our glory and we must choose to praise Him in all things (Psalm 3:3).

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:

- **LEADERS LAB**, a new equipping and development time for DG Leaders (and trainees), December 7 (7:00PM)!
- **Team Night** (November 26, 5:30PM)
- **Dream Team Christmas Gala** (December 15, 7:00PM)

PRAY TOGETHER FOR

- The glory of God to manifest in your life as a person and as a DGroup.
- The glory and goodness of God be revealed in this city so that more people will come to experience salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

GOAL FOR THIS STUDY:

To understand and experience the glory of God in our lives by choosing to honor, love, obey and serve Him with all of our being. Our salvation is a gift from God, and we must live out our lives for His glory.

Connection and Action

Questions to promote conversation and connection

Question:

When you hear the word 'glory' what do you think of? Why?

What does glory mean?

Bible and Belief

Questions to help believers develop a biblical point of view.

Questions:

What's one idea from the sermon that stood out to you? Why do you think it grabbed you?

What comes to your mind if you hear that God has a plan for your life?

Do you feel confident or comfortable with the idea that your life is meant to reflect God's glory? Why or why not?

Why is it important for us to fully understand what Romans 11:36 means?

Do you feel like God has equipped you with everything you need to do His will? Why or why not?

How can doing good give glory to God?

In Exodus 33:18, Moses asked to see God's glory, but what did God show Moses in verse 19?

How is God's glory connected to His goodness? And what does this mean in our experience of His grace?

Growing in Leadership

Questions to help people grow as leaders.

Question:

What has God equipped you with to do good for His glory?

How can you do good and give God the glory this week?

What would be different if everything we do in our life, our family and at Mosaic Church, would simply focus on doing good and giving God the glory for it?