

The Five Sola's: Sola Scriptura (The Bible Alone) 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Sola Scriptura — A Latin phrase meaning "Scripture alone." The phrase reflects a key principle of the Reformation, the idea that Scripture alone is authoritative for Christian doctrine, not Scripture plus church tradition. Douglas Mangum, *The Lexham Glossary of Theology* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014).

The doctrine of Sola Scriptura (The Bible Alone) will cause you to...

1. _____ **the Bible's full inspiration (vs. 16a)**
 - A. Breathed out by God translates a Greek word (theopneustos) that does not occur in any other Greek text (biblical or otherwise) prior to this letter. (ESV Study Bible) The word appears to be a created word by Paul: Theo = God, Neustos = Breathed.
 - B. This one word teaches us the doctrines of **Inspiration** (The Bible is God's Word), **Inerrancy** (The Bible contains no errors), and **Infallibility** (It cannot err in guiding you).

2. _____ **to its instruction (vs. 16b)**
 - A. The Bible is profitable for: **Teaching:** (didaskilia) a focus on sound doctrine so as to be able to detect and refute false teaching. **Rebuking:** reproof for wrong behavior or wrong belief. **Correction:** the restoration of something to its proper condition. **Training in Righteousness:** Instruction in Godliness.

3. _____ **prepared for the Work of God (vs.17)**
 - A. Verse 17 teaches the doctrine of the sufficiency of Scripture, the idea that the truth contained in the Bible is sufficient in all matters pertaining to doctrine and moral behavior.
 - B. **Complete** (Artios): To become capable to do everything one is called to do (McArthur) To become useful or suitable for a task. **Equipped** (Exertisminos): To be completely furnished for God's work.