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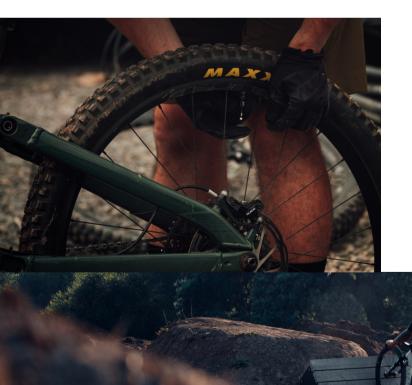
OVERVIEW

Sola fide, which means "by faith alone," is important because it is one of the distinguishing characteristics or key points that separate the true biblical Gospel from false gospels. At stake is the very Gospel itself and it is therefore a matter of eternal life or death. Sola fide or faith alone is a key point of difference between not only Protestants and Catholics but between biblical Christianity and almost all other religions and teachings. The teaching that we are declared righteous by God (justified) on the basis of our faith alone and not by works is a key doctrine of the Bible. Biblical Christianity is distinct from every other religion in that it is centered on what God has accomplished through Christ's finished work, while all other religions are based on human achievement. Therefore we are justified by our faith alone and not by any works that we do, if our salvation was dependent on our works then we could not attain it.

SIN *Romans 3:23-26*

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."

- 1. How does this passage describe the work of Jesus? and why we need Him (verses 23-24)?
- 2. Why does this passage teach about why Jesus had to die on the cross (v. 25)?
- 3. How does the fact that Jesus had to die this way underscore the reason for justification by faith (v. 26)?



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FAITH Romans 4:3-8

"For what does the Scripture say?
"Abraham believed God, and it was
counted to Him as righteousness." Now to
the one who works, his wages are not
counted as a gift but as his due. And to the
one who does not work but believes in Him
who justifies the ungodly, his faith is
counted as righteousness, just as David
also speaks of the blessing of the one to
whom God counts righteousness apart
from works: "Blessed are those whose
lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins
are covered; blessed is the man against
whom the Lord will not count his sin."

1. How does this passage say Abraham was justified (v. 3)?

3 What blessing does justification by faith

2. Why is justification by works not glorifying to God (v. 4)? How does justification by faith honor Him (v. 5)?

give to us?				



PRODUCT Romans 5:1-5

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

- 1. What is the result of being justified by faith (v. 1)?
- 2. How does justification enable us to rejoice in hope and stand in grace (v. 2)?
- 3. How does justification enable us to rejoice in sufferings (v. 3-5)?



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WORKS Galatians 3:10-14

"For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith."

- 1. What happens to those who rely on the works of the law for justification?
- 2. How is God able to justify us by faith? What happens to those who do place their faith in Christ alone?
- 3. Why did God send Christ to absorb the curse for us on the cross?

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ACTS 1:8