

“The Pillar and Support of the Truth”

Intro: “The Doctrines of _____.”

A. They have been called “The Five Solas;” “The _____ of the Church;” and referred to as “Reformed Doctrines.”

- 1. _____ Alone.
- 2. _____ Alone.
- 3. _____ Alone.
- 4. _____ Alone.
- 5. _____ to God Alone.

1 Tim 3:14-15

I. “...That you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the _____ of God, which is the church ...”

A. Paul identifies the household of God as the _____.

1. “Church” is defined as “the _____ ones, the elect of God.” It was a common term that referred to a _____ of believers.

a. “The household of God” and the “church” Paul refers to is not a building, but a _____.

B. Paul is addressing how _____ are to live our lives.

II. The household of God is the church of the _____ God.

A. We must live _____ since we are members in the household of God, the church of the living God!

III. The church is “the _____ and _____ of the truth.”

A. Just as the foundations and pillars of the temple of Diana were a testimony to a dead idol, we the church are the foundation and pillars that _____ of the truth of the living God! It is one of our great purposes to hold up, _____ and live by the _____ of God.

1. Our _____ of the truth of God in word and deed is essential for we are the household of God, the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the _____! We must be dedicated to upholding and supporting the truth of God! This is _____ mission - the _____ of the church!

B. In John 17:17 Jesus said to the Father, “Thy _____ is _____.” So as we uphold the Written Word we uphold the truth of God.

1. When we _____ the Word of Truth we uphold _____ for He is the Living Word. And, it is _____ through Christ that we can come to the Father.

a. How can we be a pillar and support of the truth if we do not know the truth, or if our _____ of Christ is _____?

C. This is the core, the heart, the _____ of our purpose as the church of the living God. We must, in everything we are and in everything we do, uphold the truth. This is our _____ for it is entrusted to us by the Almighty. We must treasure and cherish, guard and watch over, proclaim and exalt the truth of God. And to this we must be _____. Our vision is clear and our purpose is established by God Himself. We, the church, are the pillar and foundation of truth.

IV. What we will expound upon over the coming weeks, “The Doctrines of _____,” are some of those _____ that cannot be compromised by the church.

A. **Scripture Alone** refers to the complete, ultimate, and _____ of the Scriptures; that the Bible is the inerrant word of God, the only source of holy writ. Borrowing from the Cambridge Declaration, “The Bible alone teaches all that is necessary for our salvation from sin and is the standard by which all Christian behavior must be measured.”

B. **Christ Alone** refers to the fact that the _____ of the _____, and He alone, completely and fully by His substitutionary work in His life, death, and resurrection purchased our salvation, paying our (the believer’s) sin debt in full. The Cambridge Declaration, “His sinless life and substitutionary atonement alone are _____ for our justification and reconciliation to the Father.”

C. **Grace Alone** refers to the fact that _____ comes to us only _____ the _____ of God. Since salvation from sin cannot be merited, but God saves because it pleases Him to do so. It is by God’s grace that He so chooses to spare us from the wrath due our sin. The Cambridge Declaration, “It is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit that brings us to Christ by releasing us from our bondage to sin and raising us from spiritual death to life. We deny that salvation is in any sense a human work. ... is not produced by our unregenerate human nature (but is a _____ of God).”

D. **Faith Alone** refers to the fact that it is through _____ alone that God by His grace, based upon the work of Christ, declares us _____ (forgiven of our sins and holy and blameless in His sight). Faith alone is that which links us to the saving grace of God. The Cambridge Declaration, “We reaffirm that justification is by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone. ... We deny that justification rests on any merit to be found in us, ...”

E. **Glory to God Alone.** Glory to God alone is the unsurpassing _____ of the “Doctrines of Grace” for all begins and ends here - to the glory of God - and to _____ alone. The Cambridge Declaration, “We reaffirm that because salvation is of God and has been accomplished by God, it is for God’s glory and that we must glorify Him always. We must live our entire lives before the face of God, under the authority of God and for His glory alone.”

The comprehension of these _____ will point us to the fulness and glory of God, and will change our lives and thus, our _____.

We must pray that we, by the grace of God, will absorb these truths of God that we might be the pillar and support of the _____ that He saved us to be.