

*Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum.*¹

Five *Solae*¹: *Solā Scripturā*²



Scriptura, scripturae means writing, Scripture, the Bible. Notice the ablative form (with, from or by...) of this first declension noun and also of the adjective *sola* “alone” that qualifies it.

For this week's Bible lesson read this article:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/sola-scriptura.html>

Exercise:

1. Give some examples of practices contrary to the Bible sanctioned by the Roman Catholic church.
2. How does the Roman Catholic church justify these practices?
3. What is wrong with the argument that the Bible itself nowhere *states* that it is the only authority for faith and practice?
4. How do we decide whether a tradition is valid and useful?

Answers on the following page.

¹ .Lutheran motto that first appeared at the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522.

² By Scripture alone.

Answers:

1. Some examples are prayer to saints and/or Mary, the immaculate conception of Mary, transubstantiation, infant baptism, indulgences, and papal authority.
2. For centuries the Roman Catholic Church has made its traditions superior in authority to the Bible.
3. The Bible says it is the Word of God, God-breathed, inerrant, and authoritative. It tells us that God does not change His mind or contradict Himself. It would be nonsense to assume the Bible would allow for traditions that contradict its message.