

*Quid faciant leges, ubi sola pecunia regnat?.*¹

Five Solae 3: *Solā gratiā*²



Gratia, gratiae is another 1st declension noun and *gratiā* is the ablative singular form – “with, from or **by grace.**”

For this week's Bible lesson read this article:
<https://www.gotquestions.org/sola-gratia.html>

Exercise:

1. What does the Bible teach about where our salvation comes from?
2. Why do many people want to think they have a rôle to play in their own salvation?
3. How does this doctrine relate to our understanding of our own sinfulness?
4. Using a dictionary if needed write brief definitions of the following words:
 - a. unregenerate
 - b. doctrine
 - c. assurance
 - d. trespasses

Answers on the next page.

1 What will the law do where only money rules? Gaius Petronius Arbiter (c. 27 – 66 AD)

2 By faith alone.

Answers:

1. Bible teaches that our salvation comes from God as a free gift.
2. Many people want to think they have a rôle to play in their own salvation because the idea of *solā gratiā* is culturally alien. They have been taught to believe that they should consider themselves in charge of their own destiny.
3. This doctrine helps us understand that there is nothing in us that makes us merit salvation in the slightest degree.
4.
 - a. unregenerate – not reforming or showing repentance; obstinately wrong or bad.
 - b. doctrine – teaching, belief, principle.
 - c. assurance – certainty, guarantee, sureness.
 - d. trespasses – sin, offence, transgression.