

# THE BIBLE...ALONE?

## THE DOGMA OF SOLA SCRIPTURA

Three Perspectives that Prove Sola Scriptura to be False

### 1) The Logical Perspective

The biggest problem with the doctrine of Sola Scriptura from this perspective is that **there is no list - in the Bible** - of what books should be, **in** the Bible. The table of contents is not part of the inspired Scripture! This is very important point to realize. There is no inspired list, in the Bible, of which books should be in the Bible.

So the answer to the question: Which books should and should not be included in the Bible? has to come from an authority outside of the Bible! Which means the dogma of Sola Scriptura is logically inconsistent. The Bible cannot be the sole authority for Christians if there is some authority, other than the Bible, that we have to turn to in order to have this thing we call the Bible in the first place!

(And what authority do you think it is that put the Bible together as we have it today?)

**[Sola Scriptura Fails the Test of Logic]**

### 2) The Scriptural Perspective

The biggest problem with the doctrine of Sola Scriptura from this perspective, is that nowhere in the Bible does it say that the Bible should be used as the sole authority, the sole rule of faith, for Christians in matters of belief and practice - **nowhere!**

The Bible does, however, clearly support the teaching that it is Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition that comprise the Christian rule of faith.

**2 Thes 2:15**, “So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the **traditions** which you were taught by us, either **by word of mouth** or by letter.” Traditions! Sacred Scripture **and** Sacred Tradition.

**1 Cor 11:2**, “I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the **traditions** even as I have delivered them to you.” Sacred Scripture **and** Sacred Tradition.

**2 Tim 2:2**, “...and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” What we have here in 2 Timothy is an instance, in Scripture, of Paul **commanding** the passing on of these traditions. Sacred Scripture **and** Sacred Tradition.

**[Sola Scriptura fails the test of Scripture]**

### 3) The Historical Perspective

The biggest problem with the doctrine of Sola Scriptura from this perspective, is the splintering of Christianity into thousands upon thousands of denominations and all of the contradictory beliefs and practices that go with them since Sola Scriptura was introduced by Martin Luther some **1500 years after** the death of Christ.

The historical fruits of Sola Scriptura? Martin Luther broke from the Catholic Church around 1520. By 1600 there were more than two hundred denominations. By 1900, almost a thousand denominations. And, now we have literally tens of thousands of denominations. Each claiming to be based on the Bible alone; each claiming to be guided by the Holy Spirit; and yet, none of them have the exact same doctrines and practices as the others, and many, many of them have doctrines that completely contradict one another.

How can that be? How can we get so many contradictory interpretations from this one book? The answer, very plainly, is that we can't, unless of course we're doing something wrong. The doctrine of Sola Scriptura has done nothing but cause division within the Body of Christ, that is an historical fact.

**[Sola Scriptura fails the test of history]**

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