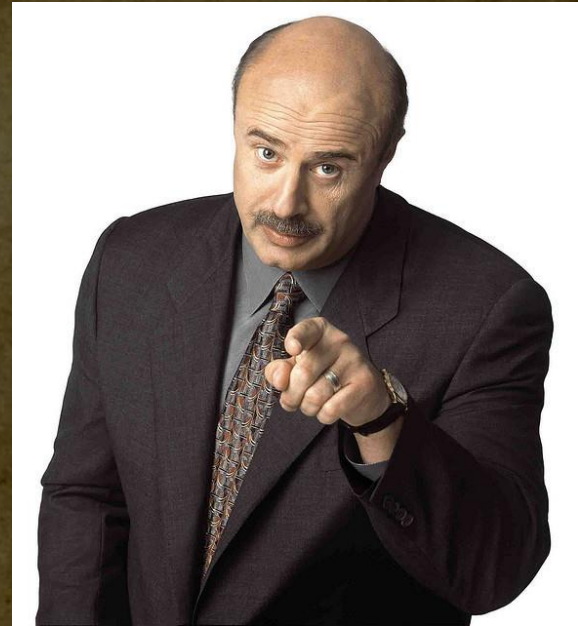


Sola

Scripture Alone

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*For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will **gather around them a great number of teachers** to say what their itching ears want to hear.*

- 2 Timothy 4:3

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*In those days Israel had no king;
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2 key questions of the Reformation:

- How is a person saved?
- Where does our authority come from?



Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone):

is the Christian doctrine that the Bible is the supreme authority in all matters of doctrine and practice.

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*The Bible is unlike any other religious book.
Despite forty authors writing from three
continents over nearly two thousand years, it
maintains a perfect consistency of message.
Its words point unerringly to Christ, whose
work on the cross was ordained by God—the
true author of the Bible—before the world
began.*

– Answers in Genesis

All Scripture is God-
breathed and is useful for
teaching, rebuking, correcting
and training in righteousness

- 2 Timothy 3:16

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were **carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

- 2 Peter 1:20-21

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The Bible is Authoritative

– Because it's GOD'S WORD!

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where is your authority found?

Do not think that I have come to abolish the **Law or the Prophets**; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the **Law** until everything is accomplished.

- Matthew 5:17-18



*“By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but **him who sent me.**”*

- John 5:30

Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded** you.

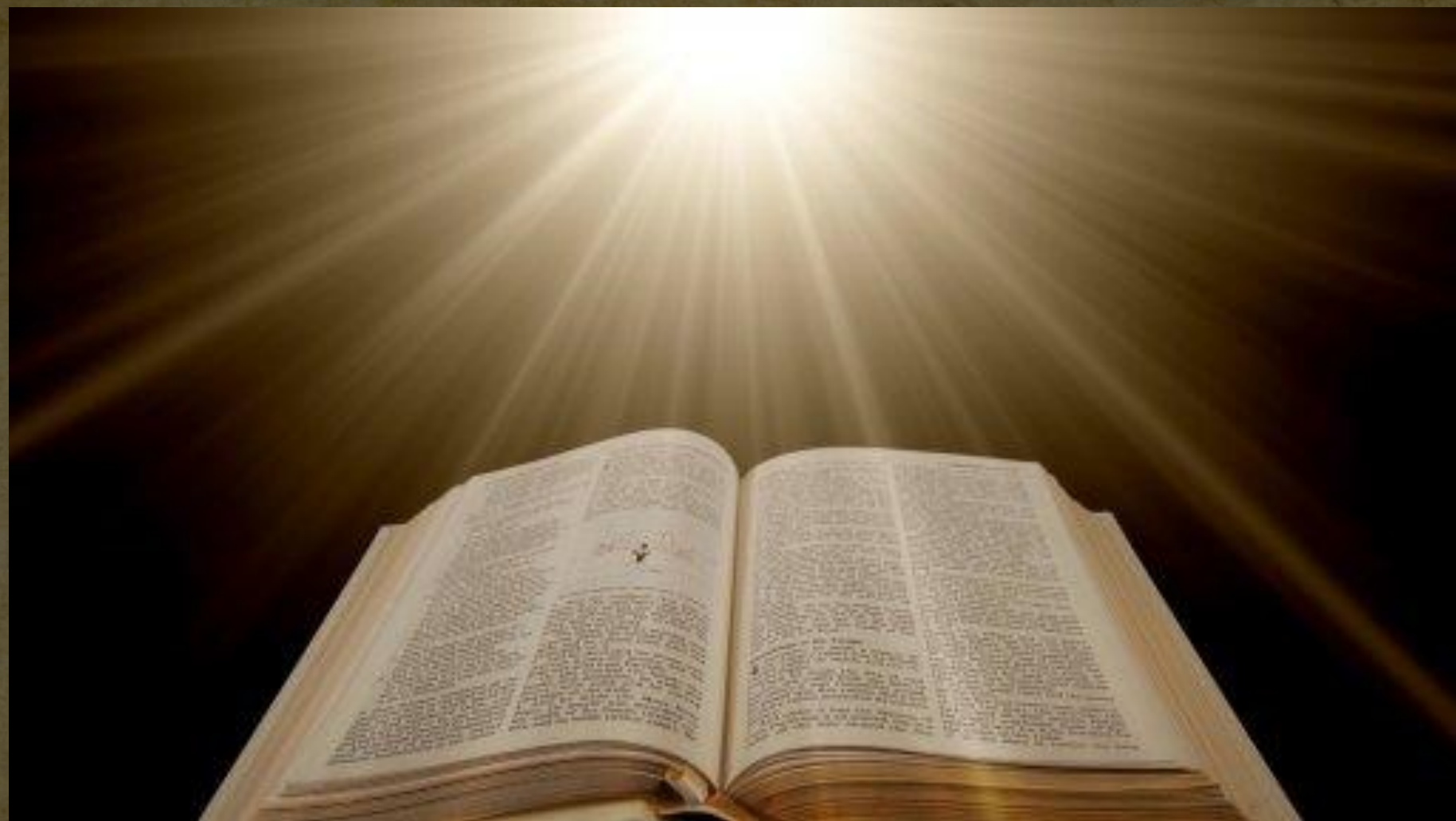
- Matthew 28:18-20

*“Very truly I tell you, whoever **hears my word** and believes him who sent me **has eternal life** and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.”*

John 5:24

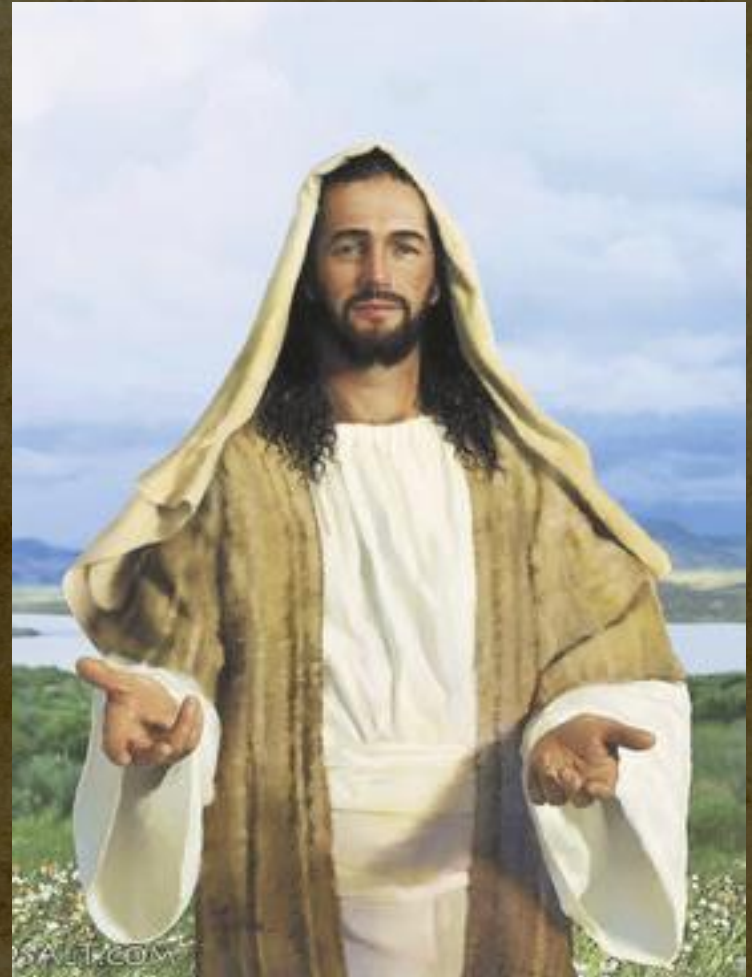
**LIFE comes through the
Word of God!**





“You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”

- John 5:39-40



*“But **these are written** that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have **life in his name.**”*

- John 20:31

*“But as for you, **continue** in what you have learned and have become convinced of, ... the **Holy Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”*

2 Timothy 3:14-15.