

CALL to PRAYER - pray for the victims of the storms in Kentucky and other states

To God Alone be the Glory - Psalm 115:1 - (S.D.G)

Intro - My family enjoys movies. One thing is true of every type of movie (bookends) - Credits. The Producer, Director, Stars... some get more credit than others (bigger font, top billing), but all involved, no matter how small a roll, gets some credit (small scene at end to ensure seen)

Who gets credit for salvation? Is salvation a cooperative act where God gets top billing (of course) but since we all play a part (small roll)...don't we get some of the credit? Do we sing,

"To God be the glory great thing *WE* have done?" Or is it rather "...great thing *HE* has done"? Does God get the credit for every aspect of salvation - even our part? We've been in a series on church history highlighting 5 Protestant Principles (sola's) that became slogans and a summary of protestant thought from the revival of the Reformation.

Scripture alone is the only rule for life and faith. We are saved by *Grace Alone* through *Faith Alone* and because of *Christ Alone*. Today we come to the final slogan that summarizes it all. *To God Alone be the glory- Sola Deo Gloria*

- This Protestant principle encourages us to see God's hand in every aspect of life.
 - Yes, in salvation but also in everything.
 - WSC - Q1 - "What is the chief end of man? Answer - "To glorify God...."
 - When the credits roll at beginning and end it says, "to God alone be the glory.
 - Great thing HE has done. Sola Deo Gloria
 - Rom. 11:36
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- Pride is The sin.
 - Pride is what made the devil, *The Devil*. He wanted some of God's glory
 - We are also tempted to take a little glory for ourselves
 - Is. 42:8 "I am the LORD, that is My name, I will not give my glory..."
 - Nebuchadnezzar
 - Daniel 4:30 Neb took the credit for his success
 - God took away his human capabilities
 - When God graciously returned them- Neb said "Sola Deo Gloria"
 - Herod
 - The king gave a great speech but didn't give God the glory
 - Acts 12:23
 - He gave a fabulous speech but became the original fast food
 - Invictus "...It matters not how straight the gate, how charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul"
- We should give God the credit for everything
 - Acts 17:28 "in Him we live, move and have our being
 - Psalm 100:2 "...LORD Himself is God, it is He who has made us not we..."
 - Isaiah 26:12 "You have preformed for us all our works"

- Johann Sebastian Bach would put his initials (JSB) on his manuscripts.
 - He also put “JJ” - Latin for “Jesus help” at the beginning
 - He put SDG at the end - *Sola Deo Gloria* - to God alone be the glory
 - Bach recognized where the credit should go
 - The beginning credit is JESUS and the ending credit is SDG
- God is the Master of our fate and the Captain of our souls
 - Rom. 11:36 Great things HE has done
- All boasting is to be excluded especially when talking about salvation
 - Psalm 115:1 Eph. 2:8-9 1 Cor. 1:29-31- no flesh is to boast
 - 1 Cor. 4:7
 - Prequels are a trend in movies. The story before the story
 - Boasting is excluded because there is a prequel to our part of the story
 - He “begins the good work in us” Phil 1:6
 - He is the “Author and Finisher of our faith” Heb. 12:2
 - To God be the glory great things He has done (beginning/ending credit)
- GOD GETS ALL THE CREDIT even for our part
 - Belief - Acts 18:27 - “by grace believed” Phil. 1:29 - “granted...to believe”
 - Convicted of sin - John 16:8 - the Holy Spirit convicts of sin...
 - Repented - Acts 11:18 “granted repentance” (2 Tim. 2:25)
 - I chose Him - “You did not choose ME but I chose you” John 15:16
 - My free will - Phil. 2:13 - “God works in you to will and do...”
 - Invited Jesus into heart - Acts 16:14- the Lord opens the heart (Ezek. 36:26ff)
 - Confession of Christ Matt. 16:17 - revealed by the Father
 - Saying “Jesus is Lord” can say that only by the Holy Spirit - 1 Cor. 12:3
 - I sought God - Rom. 3:11 compared to Luke 19:10
 - I came to Christ John 6:44, 65
 - Faith - gift, not of ourselves Author and Finisher
- To God be the glory, great thing He has done!
 - Not to us, O Lord, not to us; but to your Name we give glory Ps. 115:1
 - Psalm 70:4 - Let those who love Your salvation continually say, “let God be magnified”
 - What do we have that we did not receive? 1 Cor. 4:7
 - God begins the good work in us and completes Phil. 1:6
 - God performs for us all our works Is. 26:12
- When the credits roll on your life...what do they say?
 - God gets top billing, but I played my part - “I thank whatever gods my be for my unconquerable soul [but] I am the master of my fate and the captain of my soul”
 - Or do you start with JJ (help Jesus)..... and end with SDG?
 - Is it, “to God be the glory great things We have done?”
 - Or “ to God be the glory great thing He has done?”
 - The 5 protestant principles foundational elements to our faith