

# ROMANS

The Greatest Letter Ever Written!

John 6:45 "It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me"

Acts 19:8 "And he entered the synagogue (Ephesus) and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God."

Isaiah 55:10-13 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

## Sola Scriptura

- Scripture is made up of:
- "Sound words" (2 Tim 1:13)
- "Sound teaching" (2 Tim 4:3)
- "Sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1)
- "In accord with the sound words of Jesus Christ" (1 Tim 6:3)

1 Tim 6:3-4 "If anyone advocates a different doctrine, and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing"

#### Rom 3:28-31

"For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one. He will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law."

#### Truth 1

1. All religions are not equally true or equally saving. Christianity is the only way.

1 John 2:22-23 "Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also"

### Truth 2

2. The loving thing to do is to spread the truth to all men without violence or coercion.

James 3:17-18 "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."

#### Truth 3

3. There is zero room in the life of a Christian for racism.

Gal 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

We are all made in the image of God (Gen 1:27)

We are all sinners corrupted by the fall

We are all, if believers in Jesus, one in Christ (Gal 3:28)

Separating peoples was a curse from Babel (Gen 11:7-9); bringing peoples together was a gift from Pentecost (Acts 2:5-11)

Partiality is a sin (James 2:1)

Real love loves as we hope to be loved (Matt 22:39-40).

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer (1 John 3:15)

Love rejoices in what is true and looks for what is best (1 Cor 13:4-7).

Christ came to tear down walls between peoples not build them up (Eph 2:14).

Heaven has no room for racism (Rev 5:9-10)