

BY SCRIPTURE ALONE

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WE BELIEVE, as **SCRIPTURE** clearly teaches, that it is God who works a saving Faith in us.

Sanctifying us by the Word which is God's truth. (**Psalm 119:160; John 17:17; James 1:18; Ephesians 1:13, etc.**)

And it is God's Spirit of Truth, who guides us into all truth; which is the Word. (**John 15:26; John 16:13; 1 John 4:6; 1 Cor. 2:12-13, etc.**)

Thus we are not to depend on our own reason, experiences, knowledge or feelings.

But on that which is outside ourselves; that which God has revealed to us - His Word of Truth.

IN SHORT: *"God has sent this word, Paul says. Its origin and conception is not with man.*

"It is not the edict of the Roman Emperor, nor the command of the high-priest at Jerusalem. It is the Word of the God of heaven.

"In it he speaks. He will have the message preached by poor human beings as a power unto happiness and salvation, both in name and reality.

*"Such the Law never was. Paul says (**Romans 1:16**): "I am not ashamed of the Gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."*

*"And God himself has bound up with it our salvation when he manifests himself in the voice heard from heaven at Jordan, saying of Christ, **"This is my beloved Son"--who is to be heard."*** (1)

(1) "Luther's Sermons" Vol. 7, page 207, Lenker, reprinting – 1988, Sermon for Easter Tuesday; Acts 13:26-33

PASSAGE OF THE DAY

(**John 8:31-32**); *"Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

Reflect on the following passages this week; (**John 1:14; John 18:37**)

NOTABLE QUOTE

*"Feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God--
Naught else is worth believing.*

*Though all my heart should feel condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose Word cannot be broken.*

*I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever,
For, though all things shall pass away,
HIS WORD SHALL STAND FOREVER!"*

Martin Luther

NEXT WEEKS THEME

Jesus is my One and All!

*All passage - ESV

