

BY SCRIPTURE ALONE

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WE BELIEVE, as SCRIPTURE clearly teaches, that by SCRIPTURE ALONE we come to know God the Father, and Jesus Christ, whom He sent.

And as Jesus explains in (John 5:39); *“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.”*

MARTIN LUTHER POSED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS;

“What is Christ doing in John 5[:39], where he tells the Jews to search the Scriptures because they bear witness to him?

“Is he trying to put them in doubt about faith in him? [Surely Not!]

“What are those people in Acts 17[:11] doing, who after hearing Paul were reading the Scriptures day and night to see if these things were so?

“Do not all these things prove that the apostles, like Christ himself, point us to the Scriptures as the very clearest witnesses to what they themselves say?

“What right have we, then, to make them obscure?

“I ask you, are these words of Scripture obscure or ambiguous: “God created heaven and earth”; [Gen. 1:1] “the Word became flesh” [John 1:14]

“And all those affirmations which the whole world has taken as articles of faith?

And where have they been taken from? Isn't it from the Scriptures? (1)

(1) Martin Luther; “The Bondage of the Will” L. W.. Vol. 33; p 93-94; As shared @ <https://revmaanum.wordpress.com/2013/02/28/luther-quote-of-the-day-314/>

PASSAGE OF THE DAY

(John 20:31); *“These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”*

Reflect on the following passages this week; (John 5:46-47; Luke 24:27; Deut. 18:18-19; John 17:8)

NOTABLE QUOTE

“In short, if Scripture is obscure or ambiguous, what point was there in God's giving it to us?

“Are we not obscure and ambiguous enough without having our obscurity, ambiguity, and darkness augmented for us from heaven?

“What, then, will become of that word of the apostle. “All Scripture inspired by God is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction” [II Tim. 3:16]...?

“I have long since grown wearisome, even to dullards, by spending so much time and trouble on a matter that is so very clear.” (1)

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NEXT WEEKS THEME

It is God who works a saving Faith in us!
Ponder these words; *“Feelings come and Feelings go.”*

*Other than quotes, all passage - ESV

