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Posted by william on Thu, 04 May 2006 10:34:46 GMT
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Blessings,

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Posted by james on Wed, 01 Nov 2017 13:53:40 GMT
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I was doing some reading this morning and came across this post by William made 11 years ago, I found it encouraging and an excellent reminder. Amen! It is sooo easy to allow experiences dictate theology, it's the nature of people without faith and grounding in God's Word to do so.

Yesterday marked 500 years since Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany (Oct.31, 1517). From this 'awakening' the Reformation was birthed and among other truths that were rediscovered were the 5 Solos. Solas Scriptura means scripture alone...the others are Sola Fide, faith alone; Sola Gratia, grace alone; Solas Christus, Christ alone; Soli eo gloria, glory to God alone. Remember, at that time Rome dictated what was of God and what God 'said' through their own rules and regulations. The scriptures were only in Latin and the common man didn't have Bibles or access to truth except as the Catholic church and Pope decided what was and wasn't 'truth', Martin translated the NT and then the OT into German so everyone could read God's Word for themselves. It started a massive change and the results are very evident today.

The pastor where I attend church preached on this truth Sunday, the importance of faith in God's

Word and the daily battle to hold to it in face of the society today.

It's good to remember and reflect, we're told to do this, it helps keep us on course and focused.

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