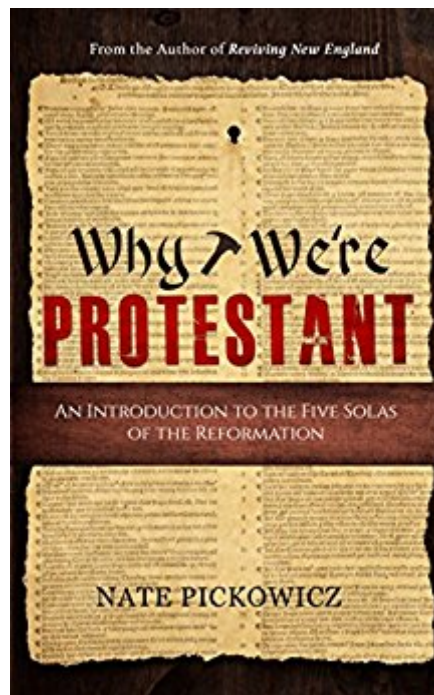




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Why We're Protestant: An Introduction To The Five Solas Of The Reformation



Synopsis

How do you discern true vs. false Christianity? In the days of the Protestant Reformation, the core tenets of the faith were strenuously examined. In the end, the Reformers maintained that at the heart of the Christian faith stood five main credos: sola Scriptura, sola gratia, sola fide, solus Christus, and soli Deo gloria. This book examines these five "solas" and makes a definitive case for why we're Protestant.

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Some things are essentially antithetical to one another—black and white, night and day, right and wrong, heaven and hell, Protestants and Catholics. Not everyone sees it this way. Protestants are often intellectually aloof, ignorant of the gold mine they stand on, taking the truth of the Scriptures for granted and being contented with a minimalistic Christianity. A friend of mine recently told me, “All that matters is that you believe in Jesus and we will figure everything else out when we get to heaven.” With clarity and fervency, Nate captures the essence of the Protestant Reformation in this primer while making a potent case for its necessity

500 years ago and its significance for today. Using the five solas as a grid, he explains and refutes the errors of the Roman Catholic Church. With a perfect blend of history and theology, he offers a compelling exposition and exaltation of the truth of the Gospel found in the Scriptures. This book is a penetrating light in the dark days of modern Evangelicalism, a passionate plea for Protestants to ardently study the Scriptures and, like Luther, Calvin, Tyndale, and Zwingli, boldly stand up and proclaim the truth. Why? Because we have the truth. Because truth is able to set people free from the strongholds of deception. Because truth is powerful to start another revival. Because truth is the difference between right and wrong, heaven and hell, Protestants and Catholics. This is a must read for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation!

This is an excellent primer to the Five Solas of the Reformation. At such a time as this when there is immense cultural pressure to declare all religions the same, Nate's book takes a bold and firm stand. Biblical Christianity is the one true means of salvation, no other false religion can bring forgiveness. Five hundred years ago, the Reformers broke from the false teachings of the Catholic Church and reclaimed what was lost. Their teachings led to the formation of the Five Solas that all Christians need to know and affirm. Get this book and read it so that you can know Christianity stands alone from all others.

Great read and a great need at a time when American Christianity is often reduced to the lowest common denominator. The author aptly notes, "This sort of minimalist-Christianity is eating Protestantism like cancer." The remainder of the book offers the remedy for this cancer: a return to the substance of God-honoring theology that extricates the reader from the style of man for the substance of sound doctrine. The same return to edifying doctrine is the rich legacy left by the Reformers that the church has soon forgotten, as it aimlessly searches within itself for idle quick-fixes. Nate Pickowicz possesses that RC Sproul-like quality of being able to distill something academic in an easy to understand and practical way that grabs hold and shapes you from within. This is a book that all who name the name of Christ should read.

This was a solid introduction with plenty of meat into the "Sola's" of the Reformation. I really like Nate's teaching style, it's crisp and clear, and I learned a lot reading this book reminding me why I am a Protestant. I highly recommend it.

“Justification is the article upon which the church stands or falls. So

said Martin Luther as he battled for reform in the eye of the sixteenth-century storm that we know as the Protestant Reformation. The Reformers rediscovered the truth and beauty of the gospel message and proclaimed it faithfully and forcefully. Their allegiance to the gospel inform and inspire us as we strive to follow in their footsteps. Nate Pickowicz beautifully summarizes the spirit of the Reformers in his most recent book, *Why We're Protestant: An Introduction to the Five Solas of the Reformation*. First, the author clearly describes the "gospel crisis" that emerged in the sixteenth century. The crisis involves a fundamental disagreement on how sinners are justified. The answers proposed by Rome and the sixteenth century Protestants are clear. The answer proposed by Rome falls short of the biblical benchmark and leads sinners to a pathway of destruction. The Protestant reply is faithful to Scripture and leads sinners on a pathway to the Celestial City. The essential message of the Reformation is captured in the five solas - grace alone, faith alone, Christ alone, Scripture alone, and to God alone be the glory. Pickowicz guides readers on a journey that unfolds these remarkable truths in a way that is winsome, historically accurate, and faithful to Scripture. *Why We're Protestant* is a veritable battering ram and a boon for the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. As we draw near to the five hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, I commend this fine work and trust that God will use it to fortify a new generation of reformers who exalt the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ!

"No act of man can spring a soul from divine punishment and into the saving arms of God." With several loved ones very heavily involved in Roman Catholicism, my heart breaks that, unless they repent and place their faith ALONE in Christ ALONE, they will spend an eternity suffering the wrath of their Creator. 'Why We're Protestant' seeks to spell out the heretical teachings of Rome, and then counters that teaching with truth - straight from God's Word. This book was a wonderful read, reminding me of the attributes of the One who saved me, and equipping me to defend the faith! Providentially, my Catholic in-laws are in town this weekend (as I read this book), and I was able to have a gentle, but truthful conversation about the damnable doctrines to which they adhere. I'm hoping I can send this book home with them, and that the Holy Spirit, if it be His will, will remove their hearts of stone, and replace them with hearts of flesh! Don't hesitate to purchase this wonderful book by Nate Pickowicz! Soli Deo Gloria!

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