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The *Five Solas* guided the Reformation, but their roots go back to the Bible and the early church. The Reformers simply rediscovered the centrality of God's grace, thus rediscovering the heart of the Gospel. "*Soli Deo Gloria*" then became a rallying cry: all honor and praise belong exclusively to our Creator and Redeemer.

What Does the Bible Teach Us About the Glory of God?

- 1. Creation's Purpose is the Glory of God**
(Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20; Revelation 4:11)
- 2. Christ's Incarnation was for the Glory of God**
(John 1:14; John 17:1; John 17:4)
- 3. Salvation's Goal is the Glory of God**
(Ephesians 1:5–6; Ephesians 2:8–9; 1 Timothy 1:16–17)
- 4. The Church's Mission is the Glory of God** (Psalm 29:2;
1 Peter 4:10–11; 2 Corinthians 4:15; John 17:20–23)
- 5. Humankind's chief end is the Glory of God**
(Psalm 115:1; Matthew 5:16; 1 Corinthians 10:31)

How Should Living for God's Glory Alone Affect Us?

1. Stop living for human approval (Galatians 1:10).
2. Develop an eternal perspective (2 Corinthians 4:17–18).
3. Live in humility (John 3:30).
4. Always check your motives (Galatians 6:4).
5. Practice gratitude (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Final Thoughts

Soli Deo Gloria is not a relic of the Reformation but a timeless call to recenter life on God's worthiness. We are called to join Bach and Handel in putting *Soli Deo Gloria* over every endeavor—not through grandiose acts but through daily faithfulness: "*For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen*" (Romans 11:36). ■

Pagtatatag ng Ating Pananampalataya sa Matibay na Saligan: Ang Limang Sola

SOLI DEO GLORIA : Mamuhay Para sa Kaluwalhatian ng Diyos Lamang

John 17:1–5; 20–26

Ang *Limang Sola* ay gumabay sa Repormasyon, ngunit ang kanilang pinagmulan ay matatagpuan sa Biblia at sa nanunang iglesya. Muling natuklasan ng mga “Reformer” ang kahalagahan ng Grasya ng Diyos, kaya’t muli nilang natuklasan ang puso ng Ebanghelyo. Kaya’t ang “*Soli Deo Gloria*” ay naging isang panawagan: ang lahat ng karangalan at papuri ay tanging sa ating Manlilikha at Manunubos lamang.

Ano Ang Itinuturo ng Biblia Tungkol sa Kaluwalhatian ng Diyos?

1. Ang Layunin ng Paglikha ay ang Kaluwalhatian ng Diyos (Awit 19:1; Roma 1:20; Pahayag 4:11)
2. Ang Pagkakatawang-tao ni Kristo ay para sa Kaluwalhatian ng Diyos (Juan 1:14; Juan 17:1; Juan 17:4)
3. Ang Layunin ng Kaligtasan ay ang Kaluwalhatian ng Diyos (Efeso 1:5-6; Efeso 2:8-9; 1 Timoteo 1:16–17)
4. Ang Misyon ng Iglesya ay ang Kaluwalhatian ng Diyos (Awit 29:2; 1 Pedro 4:10-11; 2 Corinto 4:15; Juan 17:20–23)
5. Ang Pinakamahalagang Layunin ng Tao ay ang Kaluwalhatian ng Diyos (Awit 115:1; Mateo 5:16; 1 Corinto 10:31)

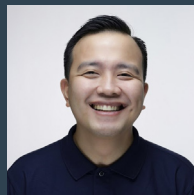
Paano Dapat Tayo Mabuhay Para sa Kaluwalhatian ng Diyos?

1. Huwag mabuhay para sa papuri ng tao (Galacia 1:10).
2. Magkaroon ng pananaw na nakatuon sa walang hanggan (2 Corinto 4:17–18).
3. Mamuhay nang may pagpapakumbaba (Juan 3:30).
4. Laging suriin ang ating mga motibo (Galacia 6:4).
5. Magsanay ng pagpapasalamat (1 Tesalonica 5:18).

Konklusyon

Ang *Soli Deo Gloria* ay hindi lamang isang alaala ng Repormasyon kundi isang panghabambuhay na paanyaya na ituon ang ating buhay sa pagiging karapat-dapat ng Diyos. Tinatawag tayong sumama kina Bach at Handel sa paglalagay ng *Soli Deo Gloria* sa bawat ating gawain—hindi sa pamamagitan ng mga dakilang bagay kundi sa araw-araw na katapatan: “*Sapagkat mula sa Kanya, sa pamamagitan Niya, at para sa Kanya ang lahat ng bagay. Sa Kanya ang kaluwalhatian magpakailanman. Amen.*” (Roma 11:36). ■

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WORSHIP WITH US AT GCF ORTIGAS

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM English
10:30 AM English
Auditorium B

3:00 PM Filipino
5:30 PM English
Auditorium A

SATURDAYS

5:30 PM Traditional
Auditorium B

■ Livestream is available during the 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday Services. The recording of the Traditional Service will be streamed on Sundays at 5:30 PM.

KIDS on SUNDAYS

8:00 AM Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School
Ages 2–6 and 7–13 • 4th Floor
10:30 AM Ages 1.5–3 • Toddlers' Center
Ages 4–13 • 4th Floor
3:00 PM & 5:30 PM Ages 3–5 • Toddlers' Center
Ages 6–12 • 4th Floor

YOUTH on SATURDAYS

4:00 PM YouthLIVE Discipleship Gathering
For ages 13 to 20 • Fellowship Hall

YOUNG ADULTS on FRIDAYS

7:00 PM YA Fridays
For ages 20s to 40s • Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY on SUNDAYS

9:30 AM Sunday Bible School (SBS)
Open to all • GCF Chapel
9:30 AM & 4:30 PM "Like Jesus" Youth Bible Study
For all high school students • Room B124
9:30 AM Men's Growth Group Express
Open to all men • Room A107a

PRAYER HOUR on THURSDAYS

8:00 PM GCF Family's Hour of Prayer
Open to all • GCF Chapel and Zoom

OUTREACH on WEDNESDAYS

5:30 PM Ortigas Community Outreach
Open to all • Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Ortigas Community Worship
Open to all • GCF Chapel

TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

Share this with your friends and family who need to know Christ!

THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” (Isaiah 6:3)

“Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy.” (Revelation 15:4)

THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...” (Romans 3:23)

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.” (Romans 1:18)

THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

“Jesus said “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28–30)

WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

“Lord Jesus, be merciful to me—a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen.”

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT GCF ORTIGAS

QUESTIONS ABOUT GCF ORTIGAS?

Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about the various ministries? Visit the new INFO HUB at the Lobby.

ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service. Our pastors and team are excited to meet you! Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at [gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://www.gcf.org.ph/gcfWelcome)

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help. Call the GCF ERCC Hotline at 0917 532 7794

HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK



GriefShare Support Group

- Tuesdays **13 Sessions**
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Open to those who've lost loved ones
For inquiries, contact **0917 532 7794**

Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School Afternoon Services

- Starting **Mar 16**
Sundays 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM
Little Ones, Toddlers Center
(Nursery to 5 years old),
Growing Ones, 4th Floor
(6 to 12 years old)

Two Timeslots for "Like Jesus" Youth Bible Study

- Starting **Mar 16**
Sundays 9:30 – 10:30 AM
and 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Room B124, GCF Ortigas
Open to all high school students

Biblical Portrait of Marriage 1

- Mar 22,**
Apr 5,
and 12
Saturdays 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Room BM07–08
Open to all dating, engaged, & married couples
Register via [gcf.link/BPOM](https://www.gcf.org.ph/gcf.link/BPOM)

Holy Week 2025

- Apr 18**
Friday **Good Friday Service**
5:00 PM
*No Traditional Service on April 19
- Apr 20**
Sunday **Resurrection Sunday Services**
10:00 AM and 5:00 PM
*No 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM Services

Couples Retreat 2025: Safeguarding Your Marriage

- May 1–3**
Thursday
to Saturday Hotel Kimberly Tagaytay
Speakers: Atty. Winnie and Maloi Salumbides
Registration Fee: Php 6,000 per couple
Register via [gcf.link/CouplesRetreat](https://www.gcf.org.ph/gcf.link/CouplesRetreat)

SAVE THE DATE

- June 9–11**
Monday to
Wednesday **Youth Retreat**
Rizal Re-Creation Center, Laguna
For high school and college youth
- June 12–14**
Thursday
to Saturday **Men's Retreat**
Hotel Seoul, Clark, Pampanga
For all men (18 and above)
- June 23–28**
Monday
to Saturday **Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS)**
GCF Ortigas
For kids ages 4–12

Naomi Women 10th Anniversary Fellowship

We celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Naomi Women Ministry, led by Sally Materum, Josie Chua, Precy Mejia, Jojie Miranda, Julie Ferrer, Tessie Abaya, and Coral Reyes. The celebration, with guest speaker Carla Martinez, empowered 79 women, including 60 widows.

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Greenhills Christian Fellowship

Visiting a country where faith is regulated and often misunderstood, the call to ministry demands wisdom, perseverance, and unwavering trust in God's plan. Despite real challenges, the gospel's power remains unstoppable, quietly transforming hearts even in unlikely places. We were reminded that God is at work everywhere, even where His name can't be spoken freely.

During our time there, we met many who began as volunteers and are now full-time ministers, driven by a deep love for the unreached in Vietnam.

Engaging with university students in campus ministry, we witnessed the powerful impact of discipleship in shaping future leaders. Worshiping with them was unforgettable and reinforced the importance of investing in young believers.

Meeting these dedicated individuals reminded us of the need for prayer, support, and encouragement for those serving in restricted areas. We are deeply grateful to all who supported this mission through prayer and generosity, enabling us to witness God's work firsthand.

As we reflect on all we have learned, here are some ways we can respond in gratitude to the Lord:

- **Pray:** Continually lift up missionaries in prayer as they faithfully serve.
- **Send:** Partner with our MCare ministry to build genuine relationships with missionaries, ensuring they feel supported, valued, and encouraged.
- **Mobilize:** Equip and inspire others by forming a mission support group to help send and sustain missionaries through prayer, financial aid, and encouragement.
- **Go:** Consider joining short-term or long-term mission opportunities.
- **Welcome:** Look out for opportunities to reach out to and welcome people from countries least reached by the Gospel in your community, workplace, and school.
- **Learn:** Deepen your understanding of missions and the urgency of sharing our faith.

May we remain faithful in our role in God's mission, actively participating in His work to reach the nations! **Praise God for His faithfulness!** ■

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