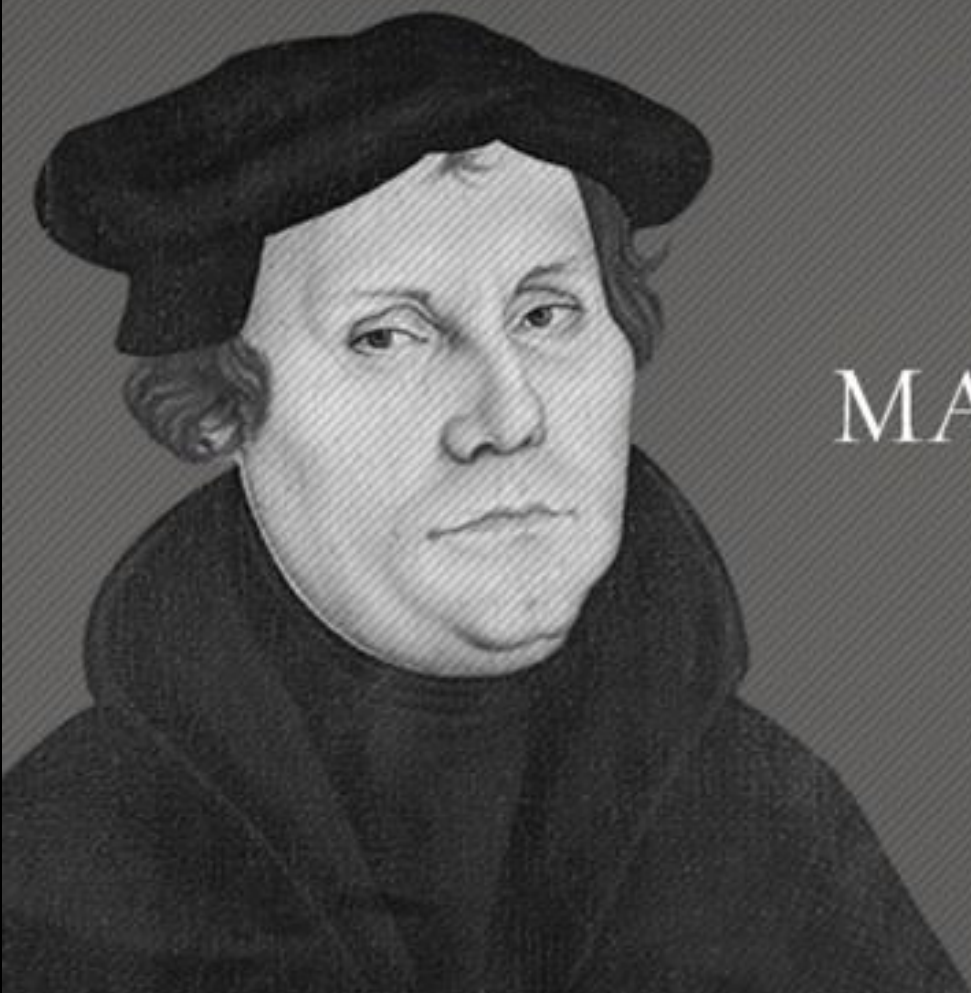
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**500 Years
Later, We
Still
Protest**



MARTIN LUTHER

1483–1546



The Power of Scripture

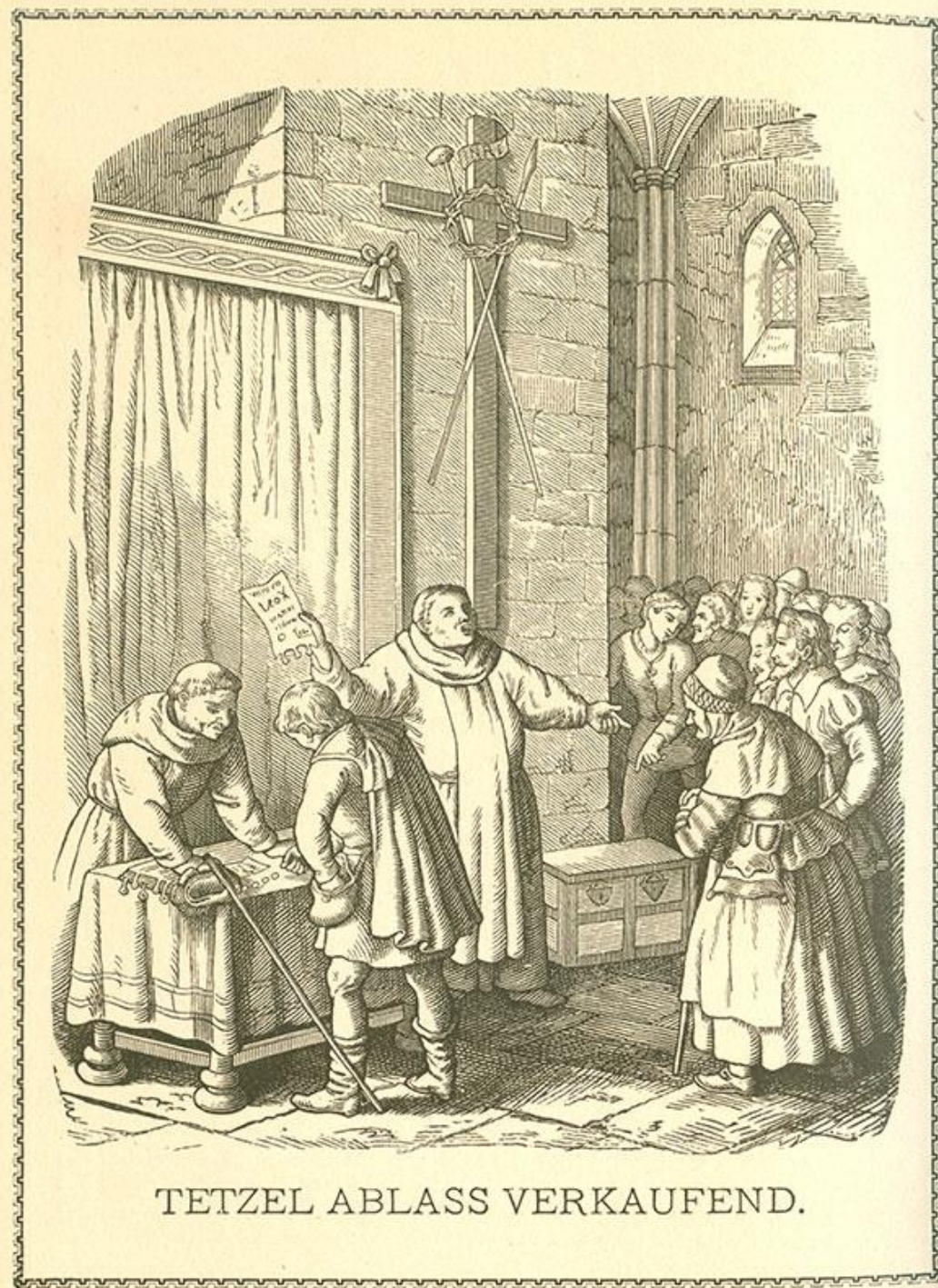
- Romans 1:17 –

“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.”





Johann Tetzel and the Sale of Indulgences





*"Unless I am convinced
by proofs from Scriptures
or by plain and clear
reasons and arguments,
I can and will not retract,
for it is neither safe nor
wise to do anything against
conscience. Here I stand.
I can do no other. God
help me. Amen!"*

Martin Luther
(1483-1547)

Thesis #62

“The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.”

Thesis #92

“Away then with all those prophets who say to the people of Christ, ‘Peace, peace,’ and there is no peace.”

The Fact Is:

We differ in many ways with Luther,
and to a greater degree, modern day
Lutherans.

However, without the Protestant
Reformation, PBC and many
churches like it would not be here
today.

So, 500 Years Later...

Are We Still
Protesting?





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The Question is:

Against what
things should
Christians offer a
protest?



THE 5 SOLAS

OF THE REFORMATION



1. Sola Scriptura

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 –

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; **17** so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

And Therefore:

**We protest against any
authority that sets itself up
as higher than the word of
God revealed in the Bible.**

Feelings and Experience Alone

Today, Christian doctrine and practice is no longer governed strictly by sola Scriptura; it's now all about one's own personal feelings, opinions, and life experiences.

The Christian's Instructions

For life and godliness are found
in only one place: the Bible.

We start with the Bible and we
bring everything else in our lives
– everything we think, feel,
believe, say, and do – into
submission to it.

The 2017 “Christian”

- Would never go to a church that preaches sin and repentance or that expects accountability from its members.
- Changes his or her stance on homosexuality because a loved one has adopted that lifestyle.
- Believes that a “Word from the Lord” is superior to the Scripture.



NASHVILLE STATEMENT

Why “Protest” This Issue?

Because the issue addressed by the Nashville Statement is not primarily homosexuality, nor is it transgenderism, nor is it gay marriage; it's Scripture.

Furthermore:

The issue is whether Jesus rose from the grave, is alive today, and whether His blood and love and resurrection makes any difference in how you fight the original sin that deforms you, the actual sin that defiles you, and the indwelling sin that destroys you.

The Issue is:

**Can you trust the Bible
to tell you who you are,
who God is, and what
truth is?**

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them
in the truth; Your
word is truth.

2. Sola Fide

- Galatians 2:16 –

16 nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

And Therefore:

We protest against the idea
that there is any other
instrument apart from faith
by which we are declared
righteous before God.

Roman Catholicism



Vatican: Get time off in purgatory by following Pope on Twitter



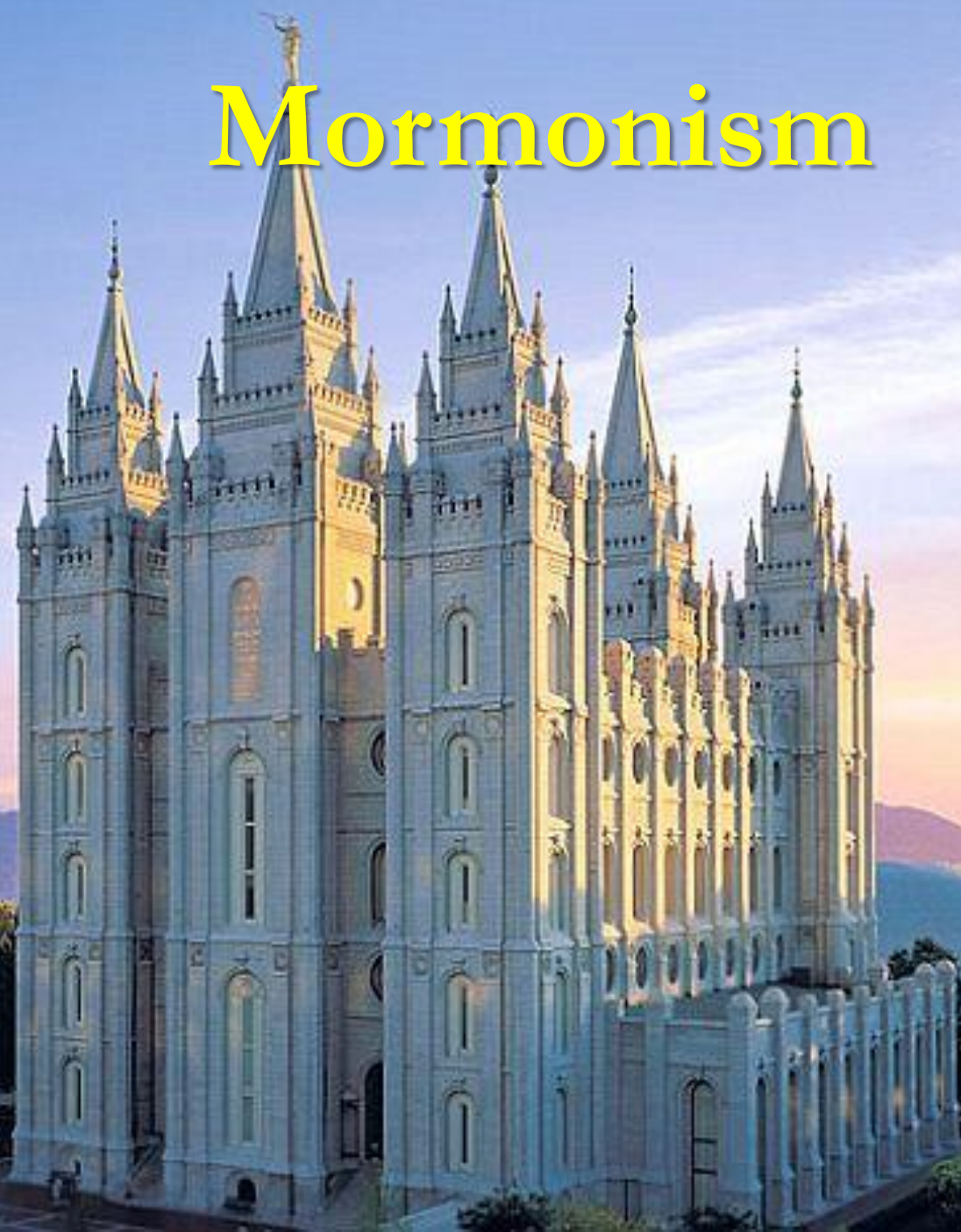
Pope Francis waves to faithful as he arrives for a Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, June 16, 2013. The pontiff greeted hundreds of Harley Davidson riders and blessed their motorcycles prior to the start of the mass. The riders are gathered in Rome for a four-day event to celebrate the motorcycle company's 110th anniversary. /

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The Vatican is taking a modern approach to one of its oldest traditions, by offering indulgences to Twitter followers of the Pontifex's social media account.

Mormonism



BAPTISMAL REGENERATION

Adding to the Gospel

3. Sola Gratia

- Ephesians 2:8-9 –

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

And Therefore:

We protest against the idea
that our own good works
are the meritorious basis
for God bestowing his favor
upon us.

In the 16th Century

It was not a question of man's need for grace; it was a question as to the extent of that need.

Have you ever heard of a man named Pelagius?



Pelagianism Condemned in 411 A.D.

- Pelagius taught that grace facilitates salvation but is not necessary for it.
- Since that time Semi-Pelagian (and later Arminian) theories of salvation arose.
- Grace is indispensable in these theories, however it is not an efficacious grace; it is a grace that makes salvation possible, but not a grace that makes salvation certain.



So, According to These Teachers

We are saved by grace...

But not grace alone.

**Why is that not negotiable when
it comes to our faith in the
gospel?**

4. Solus Christus

- John 14:6 –

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

- Acts 4:12 –

12 And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.

And Therefore:

We protest against any
other “god” who sets itself
up as a more sufficient
redeemer/savior than the
Lord Jesus Christ.

Cœxist†



Philippians 3:18-21

18 For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, **19** whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. **20** For **our citizenship is in heaven**, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; **21** who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.



KING JESUS

5. Soli Deo Gloria

- **Romans 11:36 –**

36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

- **Revelation 1:6 –**

6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

And Therefore:

We protest against any idea
that prevents God from
receiving all glory for our
salvation (or for any other
thing).

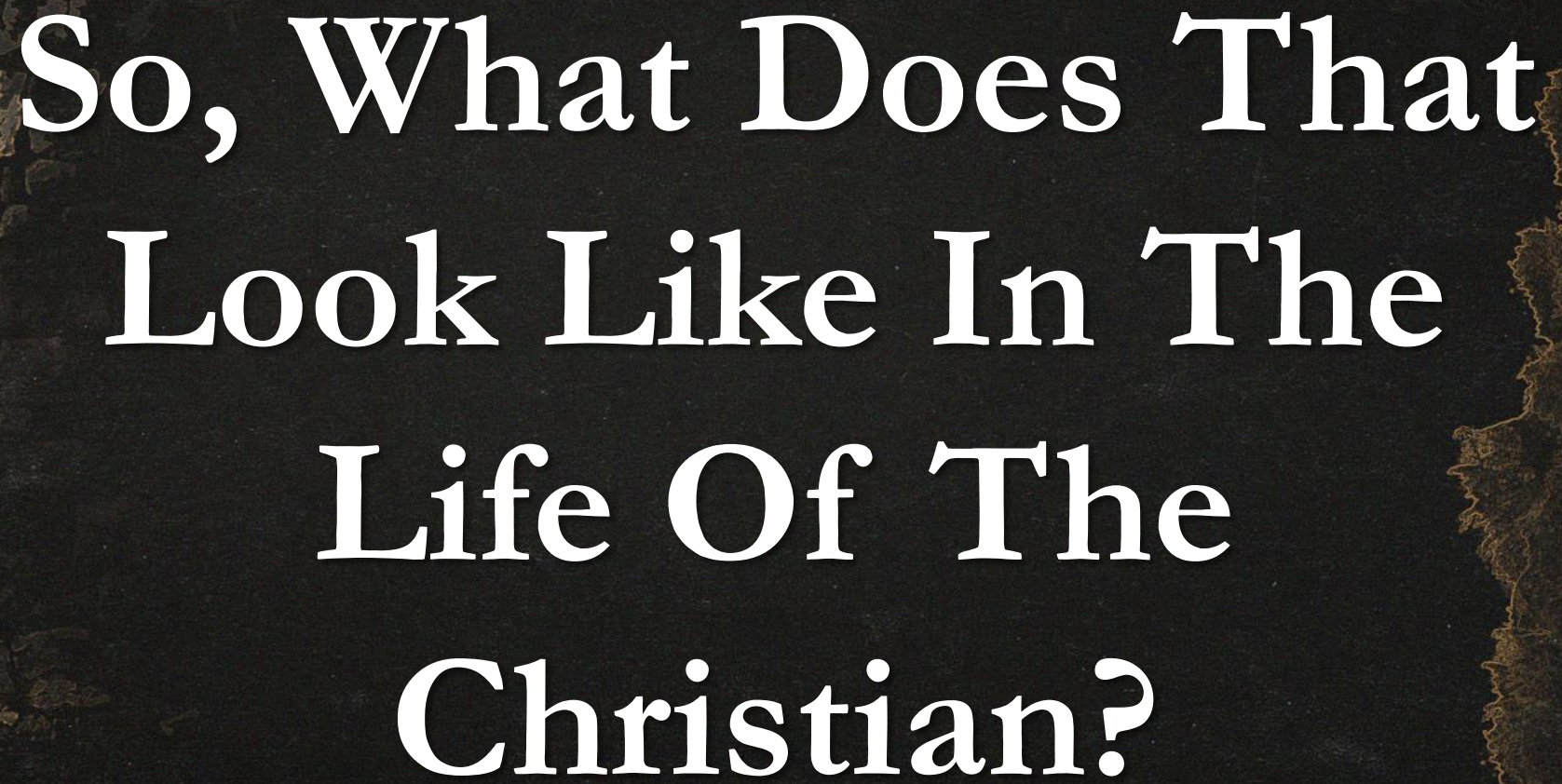
Paul Tells Us in

- **Colossians 3:23 –**

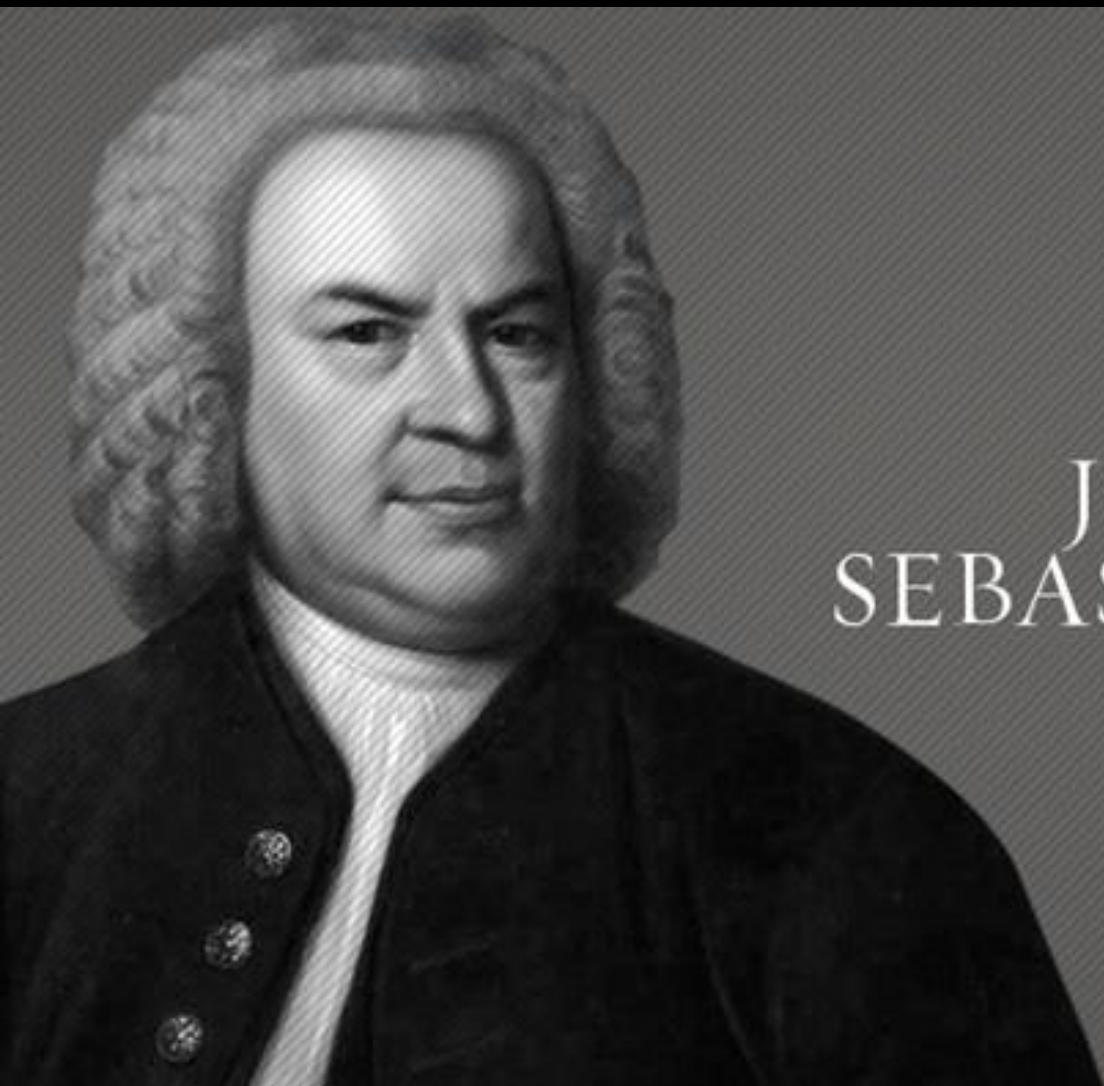
23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men

- **And in 1 Corinthians 10:31 –**

31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.



So, What Does That
Look Like In The
Life Of The
Christian?



JOHANN
SEBASTIAN BACH

1685–1750

Soli Deo Gloria Each Day

- The way you work
- The way you run your business
- The way you study God's Word
- The way you worship
- The way you treat your family
- The way you treat strangers
- The way you compete

Simply Put:

I can take no credit for the response that I made for Christ.

God not only initiated my salvation, He not only sowed the seed, but He made sure that that seed grew in my heart by regenerating me by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Does That Affect Your Daily Life or Not?

And Therefore, Church

We Still Protest Anything That Stands In
Opposition To Our God, His Only
Begotten Son, and His Glorious Gospel.

And We Stand Firmly in the Faith on
Scripture Alone, by Faith Alone, through
Grace Alone, in Christ Alone, and for the
Glory of God Alone.

