

Fundamental Principle of the Reformation

- a) Bible is Infallible
- b) Bible is Inerrant
- c) Contains all Knowledge Necessary for Salvation
- d) Final Authority of Christian Doctrine (holiness, faith, morality)
- e) It is the Word of God (inspiration & Holy Spirit)

Roman Catholic Belief

- a) One of Three Equal Authorities:
 - 1. Church Tradition
 - 2. Authority of the Pope
 - 3. Scriptures
- b) Papacy had Authority to Add or Restrict the Interpretation of Scripture

Luther's View

- a) "The true rule is this: God's Word shall establish articles of faith, and no one else, not even an angel can do so."
- b) "A simple layman armed with Scripture is greater than the mightiest pope without it"
- c) "Every promise of the Bible calls for unshakable trust in its fulfillment"
- d) "Every command of the Bible is the directive of God himself."

Scriptures

- a) Ephesians 4:11-14 "some to be pastors and teachers...until we reach unity in the faith and in knowledge of the Son of God and become mature."
- b) 2 Tim. 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness."
- c) 2 Peter 3: 15 "Paul also wrote with the wisdom God gave him."
- d) Luke 21:33 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Theologians

- a) J.I. Packer called the Bible "God preaching"
- b) Augustine said the Bible is "Love letters from home"
- c) Dr. Dennison "What makes the Bible different from other holy book? In a word, Jesus. He taught that no one comes to the Father except through him (John 14:6)"
- d) Josh McDowell "The historical reliability of the Bible is without doubt. Inspiration is a matter of faith."