

## Reformation Sunday

### 2 Timothy 3

#### Sola Scriptura

When are the \_\_\_\_\_ ?

-The last days are \_\_\_\_\_ -“last days” refers to the time between the two \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

What do these last days look like?

- \_\_\_\_\_ -hard to bear, harsh (3:1)

- \_\_\_\_\_ -stemming from an intense love of self and pleasure and not of God (3:2-4)

-Many \_\_\_\_\_ professors-Lots of people who claim the Name but live powerless lives (3:5)

- \_\_\_\_\_ abound-false teachers leading many astray (3:6-9, 13)

- \_\_\_\_\_ for those who stand for truth (3:11-12)

-Preaching of the Word will not be \_\_\_\_\_ (4:3-4)

In such difficult times Paul tells Timothy that the \_\_\_\_\_ alone must be our authority

1. The Scriptures alone are our authority on the \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Timothy 3:14-15

2. The Scriptures alone are our authority for \_\_\_\_\_

-Scripture must guide your \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Timothy 3:16-17

-Scripture must guide the \_\_\_\_\_ (church life)  
2 Timothy 4:2

#### Diet of Worms

##### Luther's prayer on the night of April 15, 1521

“O God, Almighty God everlasting! how dreadful is the world! behold how its mouth opens to swallow me up, and how small is my faith in Thee! . . . Oh! the weakness of the flesh, and the power of Satan! If I am to depend upon any strength of this world - all is over . . . The knell is struck . . . Sentence is gone forth . . . O God! O God! O thou, my God! help me against the wisdom of this world. Do this, I beseech thee; thou shouldst do this . . . by thy own mighty power . . . The work is not mine, but Thine. I have no business here . . . I have nothing to contend for with these great men of the world! I would gladly pass my days in happiness and peace. But the cause is Thine . . . And it is righteous and everlasting! O Lord! help me! O faithful and unchangeable God! I lean not upon man. It were vain! Whatever is of man is tottering, whatever proceeds from him must fail. My God! my God! dost thou not hear? My God! art thou no longer living? Nay, thou canst not die. Thou dost but hide Thyself. Thou hast chosen me for this work. I know it! . . . Therefore, O God, accomplish thine own will! Forsake me not, for the sake of thy well beloved Son, Jesus Christ, my defense, my buckler, and my stronghold. Lord - where art thou? . . . My God, where art thou? . . . Come! I pray thee, I am ready . . . Behold me prepared to lay down my life for thy truth . . . suffering like a lamb. For the cause is holy. It is thine own! . . . I will not let thee go! no, nor yet for all eternity! And though the world should be thronged with devils - and this body, which is the work of thine hands, should be cast forth, trodden under foot, cut in pieces, . . . consumed to ashes, my soul is thine. Yes, I have thine own word to assure me of it. My soul belongs to thee, and will abide with thee forever! Amen! O God send help! . . . Amen!”

##### Luther's confession on April 16, 1521

“Unless I am convinced of error by the testimony of Scripture or by manifest reasoning, I stand convinced by the Scriptures to which I have appealed, and my conscience is taken captive by God's word, I cannot and will not recant anything, for to act against our conscience is neither safe for us, nor open to us. On this I take my stand. I can do no other. God help me.”