

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
First Corinthians Sermon Study Equipping Class

Jude 24-25 – Soli Deo Gloria

Throughout 2017, our Elders have been preaching a series of sermons on the Five Solas of the Reformation to honor the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Next Sunday, Rob Stouffer will preach on Soli Deo Gloria – Glory to God Alone.

For this week's lesson, we will consider what it means for God to be glorified and how the other four Solas all point to God as the only one deserving of glory in the way that He has redeemed those who place their faith in Christ.

❖ Day 1

Read Jude 24-25.

<sup>24</sup>Now to him  
    who is able  
        to keep you from stumbling  
        and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory  
            with great joy,  
<sup>25</sup>to the only God,  
    our Savior,  
        through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory,  
majesty,  
dominion,  
and authority,  
    before all time  
    and now  
    and forever.  
        Amen.

1. Who is "him" in verse 24, and from where in the text do you get your answer?
2. What two things does Jude say that God is able to do in verse 24?
3. The Greek word translated "stumbling" is the same word used in James 2:10 ("fails") and James 3:2 ("stumble") and 2 Peter 1:10-11 ("fall"). How serious is stumbling? What kind of stumbling is Jude referring to?

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4. The Greek word translated “present” in verse 24 literally means “to cause to stand” (see also Romans 14:4 and Colossians 1:21-22). How does this contrast between stumbling and standing enhance your understanding of what God does for believers?
5. Why is blamelessness important before the presence of God’s glory? (see Leviticus 11:44-45, Hebrews 12:14, and 1 Corinthians 1:8-9)
6. At the end of verse 24, what does Jude say this blameless presentation results in?
7. In what two ways does Jude describe God in verse 25a?
8. Read Colossians 2:13-14 and 1 Peter 2:24 & 3:18, and summarize how “God [saves us] through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
  - a. According to Ephesians 1:6a, 12b, and 14b, why has God acted to save believers? (What repeated phrase fits with this week’s topic?)

❖ Day 2

Read Jude 24-25 again.

9. Verses 24-25a all make up the compound subject of the sentence, and we finally get to the predicate part (the verb or action part) of the sentence in 25b. What does Jude say is to be attributed to/acknowledged about God in verse 25b?

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10. Consider the phrase “before all time and now and forever” at the end of verse 25.

- a. When is “before all time”?
- b. When is “now”? (When did “before all time” end and “now” begin?)
- c. When is “forever”? (When does “now” end and “forever” begin?)
- d. What should “before all time and now and forever” make us realize about God’s “glory, majesty, dominion, and authority”?

11. The dictionary defines *glory* as: *very great praise, honor, or distinction; renown; a source of honor, fame, or admiration; adoring praise or worshipful thanksgiving; resplendent beauty or magnificence*. Look up each of the following words in a dictionary and explain how each one relates to God and is a reason for Him to be glorified and exalted above all.

- a. Majesty
- b. Dominion
- c. Authority

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12. Earlier this year, the elders taught us about the other four Solas – Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone), Sola Fide (Faith Alone), Sola Gratia (Grace Alone), and Solus Christus (Christ Alone). Describe how each one of these tenets results in God being the only one who deserves praise and glory in the process of saving lost sinners.

a. Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)

b. Sola Fide (Faith Alone)

c. Sola Gratia (Grace Alone)

d. Solus Christus (Christ Alone)

13. What part of Jude 24-25 covers the first four Solas? Explain.

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❖ Day 3

Read Jude 24-25 again.

14. What must be combined with ability in order to accomplish something (see Matthew 8:1-3)?

15. Why should God's *ability* to save combined with His *willingness* to save cause us to exalt His glory and burst out in praise?

16. In what areas do you need to be careful to give glory to God and not receive it for yourself?

17. In what areas do you need to be careful to give glory to God and instead of taking something for granted or being unaware of His activity at all?

18. Write your own doxology (statement of praise to honor God) in response to your studies this week.

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would recognize and give God glory for all of His gracious goodness toward us in Christ Jesus.