



QUESTIONS FOR HOLY HERESY 1: GRACE ALONE (= GOD ALONE)
 EPHESIANS 1:1-2:10; PHILIPPIANS 3: 4-11
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FOR WEEK #1: QUESTIONS FOR THE INTRODUCTORY SESSION: THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF REFORMATION AND REFORMATION FAITH

1. How does the Reformation's emphasis on "scripture alone" (sola scriptura) influence how Christians approach the Bible today?

2. In what ways do the theological principles of the Reformation, such as justification by faith alone (sola fide), shape modern Christian beliefs and practices?

3. How did the Reformation's focus on individual conscience and personal faith contribute to modern ideas of religious freedom and democracy?

4. What are some of the lasting cultural and societal effects of the Protestant work ethic and its connection to the Reformation?

5. How can the unity and division caused by the Reformation serve as a lens for addressing denominational differences among Christians today?

FOR WEEK #2: QUESTIONS FOR HOLY HERESY 1: GRACE ALONE (= GOD ALONE)

The Nature and Basis of Sola Gratia

1. What is the doctrine of sola gratia, and how does it affirm salvation by grace alone? Ephesians 2:8-9

2. How does Romans 3:23-24 explain the role of grace in justification?

3. What does Titus 3:5-7 teach about the relationship between grace and works in salvation?

4. How does the doctrine of sola gratia highlight humanity's inability to earn salvation? Isaiah 64:6

5. How does sola gratia affirm that salvation is entirely a gift from God? Romans 6:23

Grace and Human Sinfulness

6. What does Ephesians 2:1-5 teach about the need for grace because of humanity's spiritual deadness?
7. How does Psalm 51:5 emphasize the sinful condition of humanity and the need for grace?
8. How does Romans 5:6-8 show that God's grace is extended to sinners while they are still undeserving?
9. What does Genesis 6:8 reveal about grace as unmerited favor from God?
10. How does Jeremiah 31:3 describe God's grace as an everlasting and unchanging love?

Grace and God's Sovereignty

11. How does John 1:16-17 explain that grace is fully realized in Jesus Christ?
12. What does Romans 9:15-16 teach about God's sovereign choice in extending grace?

13. How does 2 Timothy 1:9 affirm that salvation by grace is rooted in God's eternal purpose?
14. What does Exodus 33:19 reveal about God's sovereign will in showing grace and mercy?
15. How does Ezekiel 36:26-27 show that God's grace includes transforming the heart?

Grace and Assurance of Salvation

16. How does Galatians 2:20-21 affirm that grace is incompatible with a reliance on works?
17. What does Hebrews 4:16 encourage believers to do in response to God's grace?
18. How does Philippians 1:6 provide assurance that God's grace will complete His work in believers?

