

Matthew 15:1-20

Christ's Mandate for the Reformed Faith

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Introduction: *Sola Scriptura* is the heart of being Reformed

1. *Sola Scriptura* maintains our obedience
 - a. Manmade ideas can sound very good
 - b. Manmade ideas cannot contain sin
 - c. Manmade ideas squeeze out God's law
2. *Sola Scriptura* maintains our doctrine: manmade ideas dishonor God
3. *Sola Scriptura* maintains our worship: manmade ideas make worship useless
4. *Sola Scriptura* maintains our relationship with God: manmade ideas lead the heart far from God
5. *Sola Scriptura* is necessary because:
 - a. We are too weak (dead actually). We must be "planted" by God's power.
 - b. We are too wicked. Our corruption comes from our hearts.

Conclusion: Following Jesus means being Reformed