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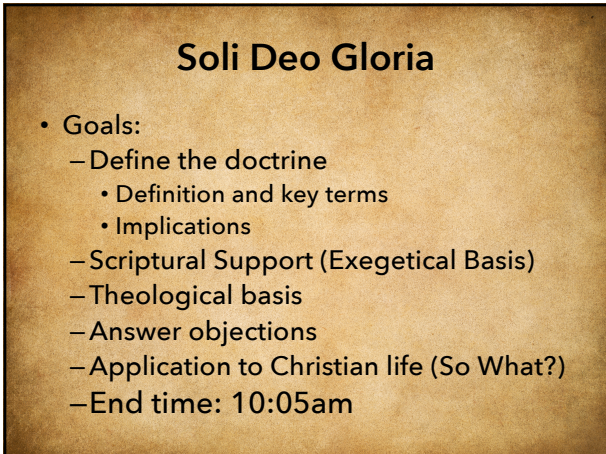
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### Soli Deo Gloria Defined

Definition:

The **ultimate end** of all God's works in creation, providence and redemption is his own glory alone.

1. This doctrine is centered on God, his works and purposes.
2. It is concerned with ALL of God's works in creation, providence, and redemption.
3. It identifies the ultimate goal/end/purpose of God's works.
4. Identifies that ultimate goal as God's glory alone

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### Soli Deo Gloria Defined

Definitions:

God's glory: the radiant splendor of God, displayed in his character and works.

To glorify God: to reflect or celebrate the radiant splendor of God.

Reflect = involuntary

Celebrate = voluntary

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### Soli Deo Gloria Defined

Definitions:

Ultimate ends vs. proximate ends:

Ex 1: Filled my car with gas (Act)

in order to drive to church (Proximate end)

in order to worship God (Ultimate end)

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### Soli Deo Gloria Defined

Definitions:  
 Ultimate ends vs. proximate ends:  
 Ex 2: Went to the grocery store (Act)  
 In order to purchase food (Proximate)  
 In order to make dinner  
 In order to please my wife  
 In order to strengthen our relationship  
 In order to glorify God (Ultimate end)

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### Implications

1. All good things come ultimately from God- including any goodness in us.
2. God is sovereign over all things and works all things for his ultimate glory (including human free choices).
3. God is the sole author of our salvation from start to finish.

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### Implications

4. All our worship should be directed toward God alone.
5. All our endeavors should be conducted ultimately for God's glory alone.

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### Scriptural Support

Isaiah 48:9-11

<sup>9</sup> For my name's sake I defer my anger; for the sake of my praise I restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off.

<sup>10</sup> Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction.

<sup>11</sup> For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.

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John 17:1-5

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

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John 17:24

<sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

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Ephesians 1:3-14

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**Summary Argument/Theological basis**

- God is, by his very nature, the highest and most glorious of beings.
- God is, by his very nature, the beginning (source) and the end (goal) of all things.
- If God were to seek the glory of another, he would be denying his own nature.
- Therefore, God must work all things ultimately for his own glory alone.

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**Objections**

1. Scripture teaches that self-centeredness is a sin. You're telling me God is self-centered?
2. If God seeks only his own glory then he doesn't really care about us.

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### Objections

- 3. If we have to do everything for God's glory alone then we can't do anything for the sake of our fellow human beings simply because we love them.
- 4. If God is sovereign and works all things for his glory then even our sins must glorify him.

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### Application

- *Soli Deo Gloria* points us back to the other four *Solas* and all their implications.
- *Soli Deo Gloria* enlarges our love and passion for God and our hatred for sin.
- *Soli Deo Gloria* implies that it is right and good for us to seek our own pleasure in God.
- *Soli Deo Gloria* demands that we honor the image of God in our fellow human beings.
- *Soli Deo Gloria* means that God is as committed to our salvation as he is to his own glory.

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### Application

- *Soli Deo Gloria* guards us against seeking our own glory in any of our endeavors.
- *Soli Deo Gloria* encourages us to regularly re-evaluate all our activities and goals in life.
- *Soli Deo Gloria* drives us to make our worship God-centered rather than man-centered.
- *Soli Deo Gloria* reminds us to seek the ultimate approval of God, not man.
- *Soli Deo Gloria* gives us a significant motivation for evangelism and worldwide mission.

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