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REFORMATION

**Council of Trent. January 13th, 1547.
Canon 9.**

If anyone says that the sinner is justified by faith alone, meaning that nothing else is required to cooperate in order to obtain the grace of justification, and that it is not in any way necessary that he be prepared and disposed by the action of his own will, let him be anathema.

**1. Because of our depravity,
salvation must be through
faith alone.**

“As salt flavors every drop in the Atlantic, so does sin affect every atom of our nature.”

--C.H. Spurgeon.

“Total depravity means the entire absence of holiness, not the highest intensity of sin. A totally depraved man is not as bad as he can be, but he has no holiness, that is, no supreme love of God.”

—William Shedd

a. We are depraved in our spirits.

“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—” (Romans 5:12)

**b. We are depraved in our minds
(Verse 11a).**

“The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Corinthians 2:14)

c. We are depraved in our hearts (Verse 11b).

d. We are depraved in our actions.

**2. We are saved by faith that
God gives his righteousness
to us in Christ.**

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”” (Romans 1:16–17)

**Righteousness is apart
from legalism.**

Romans 8:3-4 “By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

**“The law says "Do this", and
it is never done. Grace says,
"believe in this" and
everything is already done.”**

—Martin Luther

**Righteousness is built on
revelation (21b).**

**Righteousness is acquired by
faith alone (22).**

**“You believe that God is one;
you do well. Even the
demons believe—and
shudder!”**

(James 2:19)

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**Righteousness is provided for
all.**

**“Just as no one is good
enough to be saved, no one
is so evil that he cannot be
saved.”**

—John MacArthur

**Righteousness is freely given
by Grace (23-24).**

**Righteousness is
accomplished by redemption
(24b)**

**Righteousness is paid for by
atoning sacrifice (25).**



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