

Session #1
God's Word, God's Church & You

God's Word and God's Word Alone (*Sola Scriptura*) is the Foundation of the Life of the Church.

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- [2] It must consistently be the Central Focus of the Church

1A. The Foundational Nature of God's Word & God's Word Alone

1B. We Affirm that the Bible is the Inerrant Word of God

2B. We Affirm that the Bible is the Reliable Word of God

3B. We Affirm that the Bible is the Authoritative Word of God

4B. We Affirm that the Bible is the Sufficient Word of God

5B. We Affirm that the Bible is the Sure & Steadfast Word of God

2A. The Literal Interpretation of God's Word

3A. The Contextual Interpretation of God's Word

What Guidelines might we suggest for keeping this in perspective?

[1] Let the Scripture Speak for Itself – Exegetically

[2] Let the Scripture Speak for Itself – Literally

[3] Let the Scripture Speak for Itself – Contextually

4A. The Consistent Application of God's Word