

Biblical Arguments against the Sola Scriptura Doctrine (no other divine truths outside the Bible):

Scheme of arguments (see below the supporting scriptural texts):

- 1. The Lord did so many signs and things that they cannot be contained in countless books.**
- 2. The Gospel that the first Christians received from the apostles was mainly verbal (containing also other things that the ones from the Scriptures) and – as a spiritual message of salvation – was received in a certain way by all the material creation.**
- 3. There are many other things to be known from the Lord but the disciples could not receive them before the coming of the Comforter. Promise of the Comforter (the Spirit of truth) which brings more knowledge from the Lord.**
- 4. The Lord promised to His believers endless spiritual knowledge that will give them everlasting life (so we should not consider His communication with us as limited). Life eternal itself is the knowledge of God.**
- 5. The mystery of God, the Father and Christ contains all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Is this fully unveiled in the Scriptures? However, the disciples received the promise through Paul that they will acknowledge this mystery.**
- 6. The scriptures (Old Testament) are veiled and people need to have their understanding opened (by the Lord) in order to understand their mysteries. (Therefore, the possibility, but also the necessity of more explanations coming from God)**
- 7. The Lord Himself will unseal the Book (His Scriptures) at His Second Coming, and the mystery of God will be finished. An angel will preach the everlasting Gospel to all people of the world.**
- 8. Warning of Paul against the rejection of all new spiritual teachings and prompting to check everything and keep what is good (consistent with their faith and their love for God and fellowman).**
- 9. If the Scriptures are divine truth, whatever is consistent with them and support them, cannot come from the evil side.**
- 10. Putting one teaching/ doctrine into practice will testify if it comes from God or not.**
- 11. Understanding a spiritual teaching with the heart is the way to conversion. Love has to be the basis of all knowledge and judgment, so one could approve (admit) the excellent (divine) things.**
- 12. Love and not righteousness (including that given by faith) is the most important before the Lord. (Therefore we should consider anything that may**

prompt people towards love for fellowman and value any teaching according to this aspect.)

13. Teaching of Paul against new doctrines preaching other Jesus, other Gospel, other spirit (leaving room for the ones consistent with the right ones, such as the New Revelation). Testimony of Jesus as Lord is the proof of validity of any spiritual teaching.

14. False teachings are associated with lack of common sense and morality.

1. The Lord did so many signs and things that they cannot be contained in countless books

Joh:20:30: AND MANY OTHER SIGNS TRULY DID JESUS IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS DISCIPLES, WHICH ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK:

Joh:21:25: And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

2. The Gospel that the first Christians received from the apostles was mainly verbal (containing also other things that the ones from the Scriptures) and – as a spiritual message of salvation – was received in a certain way by all the material creation.

Ph'p:4:15: Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

1Th:1:8: For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

2Th:2:15: Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

2Jo:1:12: Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

3Jo:1:13: I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

Col:1:23: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

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3. There are many other things to be known from the Lord but the disciples could not receive them before the coming of the Comforter. Promise of the Comforter (the Spirit of truth) which brings more knowledge from the Lord.

Joh:16:12: I HAVE YET MANY THINGS TO SAY UNTO YOU, BUT YE CANNOT BEAR THEM NOW.

Joh:16:13: Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Joh:16:14: He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Joh:16:15: All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Eph:1:17: That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

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4. The Lord promised to His believers endless spiritual knowledge that will give them everlasting life (so we should not consider His communication with us as limited). Life eternal itself is the knowledge of God.

Joh:4:14: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Re:21:6: And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Re:22:17: And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

2Pe:1:2: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

2Pe:3:18: But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Joh:17:3: And THIS IS LIFE ETERNAL, THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW THEE THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND JESUS CHRIST, WHOM THOU HAST SENT.

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5. *The mystery of God, the Father and Christ contains all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Is this fully unveiled in the Scriptures? However, the disciples received the promise through Paul that they will acknowledge this mystery.*

Col:2:2: That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Col:2:3: In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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6. *The scriptures (Old Testament) are veiled and people need to have their understanding opened (by the Lord) in order to understand their mysteries. Therefore, the possibility, but also the necessity of more explanations coming from God.*

Lu:24:45: Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

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7. *The Lord Himself will unseal the Book (His Scriptures) at His Second Coming, and the mystery of God will be finished. An angel will preach the everlasting Gospel to all people of the world.*

Re:5:1: And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

Re:5:2: And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

Re:5:3: And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

Re:5:4: And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

Re:5:5: And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Re:5:6: And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Re:5:7: And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

Re:5:8: And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Re:5:9: And they sung a new song, saying, **Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;**

Re:14:6: And I saw **another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Re:14:7: Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come:** and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

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8. Warning of Paul against the rejection of all new spiritual teachings and prompting to check everything and keep what is good (consistent with their faith and their love for God and fellowman).

1Th:5:19: **Quench not the Spirit.**

1Th:5:20: **Despise not prophesyings.**

1Th:5:21: **Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.**

1Th:5:22: **Abstain from all appearance of evil.**

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9. If the Scriptures are divine truth, whatever is consistent with them and support them, cannot come from the evil side.

M't:12:25: And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, **Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:**

M't:12:26: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? (see also Luke 11:17-18)

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10. Putting one teaching/ doctrine into practice will testify if it comes from God or not.

Joh:7:17: If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

Joh:7:18: He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

M't:12:33: Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

Lu:6:43: For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Lu:6:44: For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

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11. Understanding a spiritual teaching with the heart is the way to conversion. Love has to be the basis of all knowledge and judgment, so one could approve (admit) the excellent (divine) things:

M't:13:15: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Ph'p:1:9: And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

Ph'p:1:10: That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

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12. Love and not righteousness (including that given by faith) is the most important before the Lord. (Therefore we should consider anything that may prompt people towards love for fellowman and value any teaching according to this aspect.)

Lu:7:47: Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. (v. Si Matei 26, 10:13, Marcu 14:6-9)

Joh:13:34: A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Joh:13:35: By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Joh:14:15: If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1Tm:1:5: Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

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13. Teaching of Paul against new doctrines preaching other Jesus, other Gospel, other spirit (leaving room for the ones consistent with the right ones, such as the New Revelation). Testimony of Jesus as Lord is the proof of validity of any spiritual teaching.

Co:11:4: For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

1Co:12:3: Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

Ga:1:8: But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any OTHER gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Ga:1:9: As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any OTHER gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Tm:1:3: As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

1Jo:4:1: Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1Jo:4:2: Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

1Jo:4:3: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

2Jo:1:7: For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

2Jo:1:8: Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

2Jo:1:9: Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

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14. False teachings are associated with lack of common sense and morality.

1Tm:4:1: Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

1Tm:4:2: Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

1Tm:6:3: If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

1Tm:6:4: He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

1Tm:6:5: Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

2Tm:4:3: For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

2Tm:4:4: And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Ti:1:15: Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

Ti:1:16: They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.