**Sola Fide: The Erosion of True Faith**

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## The foundation

## Justification is the gift of a judgment declaring the sinner righteous

## The historical context – indulgences

## The conditions for his personal discovery of sola fide – anfechtungen

### Luther 1513-18 – a growing awareness of the seriousness of sin in the midst of anfechtungen

### Imputation

### By faith alone

### Sinner and justified

## Note the key realisation – the justice of God

## Note the key discovery – grace and sin together. True justification results in true faith.

## What then is faith?

## The cruciality of the doctrine

## A call to take a backward step – ad fontes!