

Why I Am Not a Protestant

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Understanding The Segments of the Christian Faith

If my only choice is catholic or Protestant, I'm a Protestant. But that's not my only choice.

- Catholic Churches
 - Eastern Orthodox
 - Roman Catholic
 - Anglican
- Protestant Reformation Churches
 - Calvinist
 - Arminian
- Radical Reformation Churches
 - Evangelical
 - Fundamentalist

See chart – Major Segments of Christianity

What Protestants Protested

- Protestants protested the authority of the Pope.
 - They insisted on the authority of the Bible – Sola Scriptura
- Protestants protested the sale of indulgences for the forgiveness of sins.
 - They insisted on salvation by grace through faith alone – Sola Fide, Sola Gratia
- Protestants protested the intermediary role of the church in a person's relationship with God.
 - They insisted that Christ alone was our high priest – Sola Christo
- Protestants protested the role of the Roman church as the object of glory
 - They insisted that God alone deserves our glory – Sola Deo Gloria

The problem with the Protestant Protests

- The "five solas," in themselves are Biblical.
 - If these five solas were comprehensive of Protestantism, I would claim to be a protestant.
- What Protestants failed to protest-
 - They did not protest a state church.
 - And created state churches of their own.
 - They did not protest an unbiblical view of Baptism.
 - And even violently killed those who did make such a protest.
 - They did not protest the dangerous nature of creeds.
 - Though they decried "tradition," they created creeds which hold the same authority.