

# Lutherans and Other Denominations

## Calvinists

Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Swiss Reformation

Ulrich Zwingli (1484-1531)

1519 - Catholic priest in Zurich  
Soon began denouncing abuses

1524 - Zurich Reformation

Sacraments

Baptism - Initiation  
Eucharist - Only a memorial and symbolic

1531 - German princes stopped support after debate with Luther  
Catholic Forest Cantons sent army to stop Zwingli

William Farel

Protestant preacher in Bern  
1532 - Moved from Bern to Geneva  
1535 - Effected reforms

John Calvin (1509-1564)

Began studies to be a Catholic priest

19 yrs old (1528) - Priest to lawyer  
John sent to Law School

22 yrs old (1531) - Lawyer to writer

24 yrs old (1533) - Sudden Conversion

27 yrs old (1536) - "Instruction in the Christian Religion"  
Left Paris for Strassburg  
Stopped overnight in Geneva  
Farel: *"If you refuse to devote yourself with us to the work ... God will condemn you."*  
*21 Articles*

29 yrs old (1539) - Moved to Strassburg  
Joined up with Martin Bucer

31 yrs old (1540) - Married widow of an Anabaptist  
Son and wife died within 9 years

32 yrs old (1541) - Begged by Geneva to return  
Very harsh punisher  
Died at 54 yrs old

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### Calvinism

#### Spread of Calvinism

Geneva was a refugee center  
Calvin was a refugee working with refugees  
Geneva Academy  
Attracted students of theology throughout Europe

#### Ecclesiastical Ordinances

Calvin's Church Constitution

##### Ministry

Strong Educational Program  
Church Officials  
Teachers  
Pastors  
Elders  
Deacons

##### Consistory

Enforced purity and punished moral offenses  
1542-1546 - 76 banished from Geneva, 58 executed  
Other cities were very strict also

#### Calvin Theology

Described in *Instructions in the Christian Religion*

##### Salvation

##### Scripture

Bible is inerrant, only source of doctrine  
Inner word

##### Predestination

Predestination of the Elect (those to be saved)  
Predestination of the Reprobate (those to be damned)  
Emphasizes that salvation is a free gift from God

##### Lutheran view of Predestination

Formula of Concord: *The eternal election of God, however, not only foresees and foreknows the salvation of the elect, but through His gracious will and good pleasure in Christ Jesus is also a cause which procures, works, facilitates and promotes our salvation.*

From Our Church & Others: *God did not, however, elect or predestine any man or number of men to damnation. Those who are lost have been redeemed by Christ and God earnestly desires their salvation. Why are some saved and others are lost? This mystery Lutherans do not try to solve. God is not the cause of man's damnation; man is not the cause of his election to salvation.*

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### More Calvin Theology

#### Sacraments

*A testimony of the grace of God towards us, confirmed by an outward sign,  
with a reciprocal attestation of our piety towards Him.*

Baptism - Initiation into church membership  
Need evidence of faith

Lord's Supper - Elect receive body and blood spiritually through faith  
Spiritual presence

#### Morals

Luther spared *everything that Scripture did not expressly forbid*

Calvin sacrificed *everything that Scriptures did not expressly sanction and justify*

#### Underlying Theme - God's Sovereignty

Calvin - God is master, man is servant

Luther - God is father, man is child

Calvin - Bible is book of rules and regulations

Luther - Bible is letter from loving father

Calvin - Obedience

Luther - Trust

#### TULIP Doctrine

Total Depravity

Original Sin

Unconditional Election

Predestination

Limited Atonement

Christ came only for the elect, not the whole world

Irresistible Grace

Inner Word

Perseverance of the Saints

Once saved, always saved

### Puritans

Reformed (Calvinist) movement in the Church of England

To *Purify* the church of Roman Catholic influences

Reformed church government with synods, etc

#### Elizabethan Puritans

#### Separatists

1581 - Independent congregation at Norwich

Most moved to the Netherlands, some to New England

Pilgrim Fathers

1620 - Settled Plymouth Colony

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### Reformed

Closest to pure Calvinism of all denominations

Reformed Church in America

1766 - Founded first seminary in US

Christian Reformed Church

### Scottish Reformation

John Knox (1505-1572)

32 yrs old (1537) - Prisoner on a French Galley Ship

35 yrs old (1540) - Preached 5 years in England

40 yrs old (1545) - Fled to Geneva

45 yrs old (1550) - Returned to Scotland

### Presbyterian

Scottish-Irish immigrants to America

1683 - Frank Makemie

1706 - Formed first presbytery with 6 other ministers in Philadelphia

Arrested in New York for preaching without a license

Presbyterian Church (USA), 2.3 million

1983 - Merger of United Presbyterian Church in the USA and Presbyterian Church in the US (Southern)

Presbyterian Church in America, 300K

*Presbyter*

Teaching Elders

Ruling Elders

Sessions

Presbytery

Approves calls to ministers and church property sales and purchases

Synod

General Assembly

Predestination

Morals

Important to influence the morality of the world around them

Worship

Sacraments

Baptism

Communion

Closing Prayer

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