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**Emancipating Calvin** 2018-04-26 The essays in *Emancipating Calvin: Culture and Confessional Identity in Francophone Reformed Communities* demonstrate the vitality and variety of Francophone Reformed communities, examining how local contexts shaped the implementation of reforming ideas emanating from John Calvin and Geneva.

**Calvin Today** Michael Welker 2011-10-13 Distinguished scholars discuss Calvin and his surprisingly up to date relevance addressing three central

current issues: faith, ecumenism and public responsibility.

*Sex, Marriage, and Family in John Calvin's Geneva* Jr. Witte, John 2005-10-20 You would not expect this from his dour reputation, but John Calvin transformed the Western understanding of sex, marriage, and family life. In this fascinating, even sensational, volume John Witte and Robert Kingdon treat comprehensively the new theology and law of domestic life that Calvin and his fellow reformers established in sixteenth-century Geneva. Bringing to light and life hundreds of newly discovered

cases and theological texts, Witte and Kingdon trace the subtle historical forms and norms of sex, marriage, and family life that still shape us today. Church, State, and Family John Witte, Jr. 2019-04-30 Presents a robust defence of the essential place of stable marital families in modern liberal societies.

**The Child in Christian Thought** Marcia J. Bunge 2001 A survey of Christian writings about children covers 2,000 years of history and literature and features a wide variety of theologians commenting on the subject.

**John Calvin, Myth and Reality** Amy N. Burnett 2011-05-11 The chapters in this volume were originally presented as papers at the 2009 colloquium of the Calvin Studies Society, held to mark the five-hundredth anniversary of John Calvin's birth. They offer a fresh evaluation of Calvin's ideas and achievements, and describe how others--from his contemporaries to the present--have responded to or built upon the Calvinist heritage. This book dispels popular misperceptions about Calvin and Calvinism, allowing readers to make a more accurate assessment of Calvin's importance as a theologian and historical figure. Contributions address areas in which Calvin's legacy has been most controversial or misunderstood, such as his attitude toward women, his advocacy of church discipline, and his understanding of predestination. These essays also give a nuanced picture of the impact of Calvinism by taking account of both the positive and

negative reactions to it from the early modern period to the present. Part 1: Calvin: The Man and His Work Part 2: Appeal of and Responses to Calvinism Part 3: The Impact of Calvin's Ideas "God Calls us to his Service" : The Relation between God and his Audience in Calvin's Sermons on Acts Wilhelmus H. Th Moehn 2001 De 1549 à 1551, Jean Calvin prêchait le dimanche à partir des Actes des apôtres : c'est une part importante de ces sermons qu'étudie de manière détaillée W. Moehn. Plutôt qu'un dogmaticien rigoriste, c'est un orateur attentif à son auditoire qui se dégage et dont les préoccupations pastorales intègrent autant le cadre social – politique, travail, interdépendance – que les particularités confessionnelles de ses ouailles. **Reformation Letters** Michael Parsons 2018-05-29 Reformation Letters is a detailed look at John Calvin's letters, which were mostly of a pastoral nature. These were letters that define the Reformation and demonstrate Calvin's concerns, his strengths, and his weaknesses, against the background of his own time and contemporaries. Here we find Calvin on his own calling and exile from Geneva; Calvin on marriage—his own and others'; Calvin's prefatory letter to Francis I of France; Calvin's letter to Sadoletto on the nature of the Reformation; Calvin on Servetus and the reasons for his trial and execution for heresy; and Calvin's letters to those facing death and persecution.

Adultery and divorce in Calvin's Geneva Robert McCune Kingdon 1995  
*John Calvin and the Grounding of Interpretation* R. Ward Holder 2006 This book presents a new model for analyzing Calvin's biblical interpretation, rescuing him from the quagmire of anachronistic interpretations.

Concentrating upon Calvin's description of biblical interpretation, the book suggests new insights for hermeneutics, exegesis in the Reformations, and Calvin's ecclesiology.

"Calvinus praeceptor Ecclesiae" : papers of the International Congress on Calvin Research, Princeton, August 20-24, 2002 Max Engammare 2004  
Elsie McKee, "Calvin and His Colleagues as Pastors: Some New Insights into the Collegial Ministry of Word and Sacraments"; Jeffrey R. Watt, "Childhood and Youth in the Geneva Consistory Minutes"; Christoph Strohm, "Methodology in Discussion of 'Calvin and Calvinism'"; Max Engammare, "D'une forme l'autre: Commentaires et sermons de Calvin sur la Genèse "; Cornelis Augustijn / Christoph Burger / Frans P. van Stam, "Calvin in the Light of the Early Letters" ; Christian Link, "Die Finalität des Menschen Zur Perspektive der Anthropologie Calvins"; Robert M. Kingdon, "Calvin's last years"; Victor E. d'Assonville jr., "Dogma und Doctrina Bei Calvin in einer begrifflichen wechselwirkung: Ein Seminarbericht "; Wim Janse, "Calvin, a Lasco und Beza: Eine gemeinsame Abendmahlserklärung (Mai 1556)? Bericht eines

Forschungsseminars mit offenem Ausgang"; A.N.S. Lane, "Calvin and Article 5 of the Regensburg Colloquy"; Jae Sung Kim, "Prayer in Calvin's soteriology "; Barbara Pitkin: "Redefining Repentance: Calvin and Melancthon"; Wilhelmus H.Th. Moehn, "Abraham – 'père de l'église de Dieu'. A Comparison of Calvin's Commentary and Sermons on Acts 7:1-6 287"; Christian Grosse, "'En esprit et en vérité'? La part du rituel dans la culture religieuse réformée (Genève, XVIe siècle)"; Mihály Márkus, "Calvin und Polen. Gedankenfragmente in Verbindung mit einer Empfehlung"; Dr. E.A. de Boer, "Calvin and Colleagues. Propositions and Disputations in the Context of the Congrégations in Geneva"; Irena Backus, "Calvin's knowledge of Greek language and philosophy"; Randall C. Zachman, "Crying To God on the Brink of Despair: The Assurance of Faith Revisited".

*Calvin* George W. Stroup 2009 Explores how Calvin's theology ministers to those who wrestle with the meaning of faith

**Calvin and the Resignification of the World** Michelle Chaplin Sanchez 2019-04-30 Provides the first extended study of Calvin's 1559 Institutio in conversation with critical theorists of religion, modernity, sovereignty, and political theology.

**John Calvin's Impact on Church and Society, 1509-2009** Martin Ernst Hirzel 2009-04-03 A tribute to the monumental influence of John Calvin in

the 500 years since his birth. / What legacies, still enduring today, have John Calvin and Calvinism given to the church and society in Europe and North America? An international group of scholars tackles that question in this volume honoring Calvin's 500th birthday. These chapters together provide a comprehensive and accessible introduction to Calvin's life and thought, the history of the Reformation in Switzerland and worldwide, and his continuing relevance for ecclesial, social, and political questions today. / Contributors: Philip Benedict, James D. Bratt, Emidio Campi, Wulfert de Greef, Christopher Elwood, Eva-Maria Faber, Eric Fuchs, Ulrich H. J. Krtner, Christian Link, Christian Moser, Andrew Pettegree, Christoph Strohm, Mario Turchetti./ The essays in this book fit beautifully together to provide a solid, complete work that gives precise insight into the many different facets of Calvin and Calvinism. The high-level research found here clearly shows the great impact that Calvin has had on both church and society. It is a great pleasure to see Calvin here anew. Eberhard Busch / University of Gttingen / That John Calvin made a deep and lasting impact on many aspects of history is common knowledge but the character of the man and the nature of his influence are perhaps as controversial as any that can be named. It is thus a challenge to examine even a fraction of the many ways that Calvin s life and thought have contributed to the shaping of later ages in both church and society. This volume offers

essays on key points from an appropriately international group of authors appreciative but critical, drawing on a rich range of recent scholarship, presented in a pleasing and accessible form. It is a fine place for the new reader of Calvin to get a glimpse of his impact, while offering a fresh summary of some significant issues for more advanced students of the Reformer. Elsie Anne McKee / Princeton Theological Seminary / Hirzel and Sallmann have succeeded in gathering essays by an illustrious circle of experts both historians and theologians on important areas of Calvin s thought and impact. Ranging from an insignificant city at the edge of the Swiss Confederation in the 1530s to the Accra Confession of 2004, these essays will serve to correct popular misconceptions. A fine introduction for a broader readership that wants more than mere armchair theology. Peter Opitz / University of Zurich

*Calvin* F. Bruce Gordon 2009-07-21 During the glory days of the French Renaissance, young John Calvin (1509-1564) experienced a profound conversion to the faith of the Reformation. For the rest of his days he lived out the implications of that transformation—as exile, inspired reformer, and ultimately the dominant figure of the Protestant Reformation. Calvin's vision of the Christian religion has inspired many volumes of analysis, but this engaging biography examines a remarkable life. Bruce Gordon presents Calvin as a human being, a man at once brilliant, arrogant,

charismatic, unforgiving, generous, and shrewd. The book explores with particular insight Calvin's self-conscious view of himself as prophet and apostle for his age and his struggle to tame a sense of his own superiority, perceived by others as arrogance. Gordon looks at Calvin's character, his maturing vision of God and humanity, his personal tragedies and failures, his extensive relationships with others, and the context within which he wrote and taught. What emerges is a man who devoted himself to the Church, inspiring and transforming the lives of others, especially those who suffered persecution for their religious beliefs.

*Christianity and Sexuality in the Early Modern World* Merry Wiesner-Hanks 2005-06-20 Christianity and Sexuality in the Early Modern World is the first global survey of such for the early modern period. Merry Wiesner-Hanks assesses the role of personal faith and the church itself in the control and expression of all aspects of sexuality. The book ranges over developments within Europe and beyond to the European colonies including Brazil, Mexico, South Africa and Goa, which were establishing themselves around the world. Christian missionaries and rituals and structures accompanied all of the imperial powers and the control of the sexuality of both indigenous peoples and colonists was an essential part of policy. The book is introduced with a clear, original and engaging account of the central concepts in the study of sexuality in Christianity, such as shame, sin, the

body, marriage and gender. Drawing on diverse evidence including literary, medical and historical the following sections chart changes in Western Christianity in the Late Middle Ages, Protestantism and Catholicism in Europe, Orthodoxy in Eastern Europe and Russia, and finally the Spanish, Portuguese, English and Dutch Colonies. Merry Wiesner-Hanks exciting book covers both the ideas and effects in each period. Christianity and Sexuality in the early Modern World includes discursive bibliographies which discuss major books and articles at the end of each chapter.

Reformations Carlos M. N. Eire 2016-01-01 TWENTY-THREE. The Age of Devils -- TWENTY-FOUR. The Age of Reasonable Doubt -- TWENTY-FIVE. The Age of Outcomes -- TWENTY-SIX. The Spirit of the Age -- EPILOGUE. Assessing the Reformations -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Illustration Credits -- Index -- A -- B -- C -- D -- E -- F -- G -- H -- I -- J -- K -- L -- M -- N -- O -- P -- Q -- R -- S -- T -- U -- V -- W -- X -- Z

John Calvin and Roman Catholicism Randall C. Zachman 2008-09-01 Protestant and Catholic scholars examine the relationship of John Calvin to Roman Catholicism, offering historical essays on sixteenth- and seventeenth-century interactions and contemporary assessments.

Reformation and Education Simon J.G. Burton 2022-03-07 Closely entwined with the educational revolution of early modernity, the Reformation transformed the pedagogical landscape and culture of the

sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Embracing a broad understanding of the Reformation this volume examines the confessional dynamics which shaped the educational transformations of early modernity, including Calvinists, Lutherans, Anabaptists and Roman Catholics in its scope. Going beyond conventional emphases on the role of the printing press and theological education of clergy in university settings, it also explores the education of laity in academies, schools and the home in all manner of topics including theology, history, natural philosophy and ethics. More well-known figures like John Calvin and Philipp Melanchthon are examined alongside less-well known but important figures like Caspar Coolhaes and Lukas Osiander. Likewise, more prominent centres of reform including Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands are considered together with often overlooked locations like the Czech Republic and Denmark.

[The Cambridge Companion to John Calvin](#) Donald K. McKim 2004-06-17  
Publisher Description

*Melanchthon and Calvin on Confession and Communion* Herman Speelman 2016-01-18 Melanchthon and Calvin were late medieval people, stemming from a world of order and unity, and at the same time they fully lived in the early modern world, in which everything was changing. In this new world they committedly, enthusiastically, and restlessly sought to introduce some order, in theory as well as practice. The sixteenth-century

church was governed by multiple coercive constructions and systems. Did the two Reformers really succeed in disconnecting themselves from them, and to what extent did they connect to, for example, the existing forms of eucharistic piety?The established church had come under serious criticism, and people were massively turning their backs on the less than attractive ecclesiastical practices—something connecting that era to ours. In these highly turbulent and suspenseful 1520s, when it was not yet clear whether the ten-year-old evangelical movement in Germany was still viable, Melanchthon tried to introduce at least some order into the chaos by means of a confession accompanied by a church order. As it turned out, the new doctrine on 'Christian freedom' and 'justification by faith alone' was easily interpreted in a one-sided manner. Through a careful analysis of the sources, Herman A. Speelman examines Melanchthon's church visitations in 1527 and Calvin's five attempts to shape the modernisation of ecclesiastical life. In addition to the gospel, also penance and the preaching of the law received a place in the Protestant liturgy and spirituality.Melanchthon's and Calvin's contributions were not only to have an enormous impact on the theological evolutions in the evangelical movement in Europe, but they also proved to be of eminent importance for the way in which the new doctrine was given meaning in practice. Their instructions continue to be highly influential in large parts of Europe today.

**Friends of Calvin** Michiel A. van den Berg 2009-04-08 In two dozen short, readable biographies of John Calvin's friends including some who turned into enemies Michiel A. van den Berg paints an intimate portrait of the great Reformer's life and circle that most of us have never seen. / Here we accompany Calvin from his early boyhood in Noyon to his student days in Paris and Orleans, to his pastorate in and exile from Geneva, all the way to his deathbed. We meet his famous Reformer friends William Farel, Martin Bucer, Philip Melancthon, Heinrich Bullinger, John Knox, Theodore Beza and friends whose names are more obscure: his cousin Pierre Robert Olivtan, the first translator of the Bible into French; Rene de France of French royalty; Laurent de Normandie, the mayor of Noyon who later escaped to Geneva; Pierre Viret, his best friend of all ; and Idelette van Buren, his beloved wife during their brief but happy marriage. / Calvin may be known as a scholar who preferred his study to imperial and ecclesiastical politics, but he was also a rebel of faith against the papacy, which controlled most of the empires of Europe and had a price on the heads of all reform-minded citizens, especially their leaders. Peppared with quotations from Calvin's voluminous letters, *Friends of Calvin* abounds with secret court relationships, love affairs, death threats, poisonings, and narrow midnight escapes from the pursuing authorities showing a full-blooded and dangerous side of the bookish Reformer's life. Readers of

these colorful narratives will come to see how much Calvin's friends influenced his life and thought. / This work provides fresh and accessible insights into John Calvin's inner circle. The highly readable translation offers vignettes that show the Reformer's capacity for deep and enduring relationships with friends and family members. Karin Maag / H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies, Calvin College and Seminary  
*Calvinus Pastor Ecclesiae* Herman J. Selderhuis 2016-08-15 This volume contains the collection of papers presented at the 11th International Congress on Calvin Research that took place in Zurich in 2014, and was hosted by the Institute for Swiss Reformation history. While many colleagues of Calvin addressed him in their letters as 'Pastor Ecclesiae' (Pastor of the Church), this is also the position he held when he passed away, 450 years before the congress in Zurich took place. The first part of the book consists of the plenary papers presented by leading scholars in Reformation history and theology, uncovering new grounds in Calvin research that may well evoke further research. In the second part, the seminars held at the Congress are published, and the third part consists of a selection of short papers presented at the Congress. These papers cover a wide variety of themes related to Calvin. They demonstrate that the interest in Calvin research since the Calvin-year in 2009 is even growing and that there is still much to be discovered. With contributions by:

Forrest Buckner, Amy Nelson Burnett, Esther Chung-Kim, Max Engammare, Patrizio Foresta, Aurelio Garcia, Christian Grosse, Pierrick Hildebrand, R. Ward Holder, Luka Ilić, Jung-Sook Lee, Jeannette Kreijkes, Anthony N.S. Lane, Jonathan Lett, Karin Maag, Balázs Dávid Magyar, Elsie Anne McKee, Joe Mock, Wim Moehn, Jeannine Olson, Peter Opitz, György Papp, Johanna Rahner, Herman J. Selderhuis, Petr Škubal, Herman A. Speelman, Sun-kwon Kim, John L. Thompson, David M. Whitford, and Piotr Wilczek.

Christ the Mediator of the Law Byung-Ho Moon 2006-07-01 This study seeks to give an account of the truth, scope, and validity of Calvin's Christological understanding of the law in the light of his concept of *Christus mediator legis*. It sets out the key points of the intellectual origins of Calvin's theology of the law, especially his study of law, Christ's mediation of the law in the Old and New Testaments, and the relationship between the duplex office and the triplex use of the law. A comparative study between Calvin and contemporary Reformers--Luther, Bucer, Melancthon, and Bullinger--and Servetus is made in order to point up the unique feature of the coherence between Christology and soteriology in Calvin's theology of the law.

*The Indissolubility of Marriage and the Council of Trent* E. Christian Brugger 2017 This important volume examines the Catholic Church's

doctrine on the indissolubility of marriage as taught by the 16th century Ecumenical Council of Trent (1545-1563). In the Council's reply to Reformation challenges on the sacraments, it took up the question of *Harvesting Martin Luther's Reflections on Theology, Ethics, and the Church* Timothy J. Wengert 2017-01-01 As profound as Martin Luther's ideas are, this giant of church history was concerned above all with practical instruction for daily Christian living. *Harvesting Martin Luther's Reflections* highlights this concern of Luther, mining his thought in key areas of doctrine, ethics, and church practice. Gathering noteworthy contributions by well-known Luther scholars from Europe and the Americas, this book ranges broadly over theological questions about baptism and righteousness, ethical issues like poverty and greed, and pastoral concerns like worship and spirituality. There are even rare discussions of Luther's perspective on marriage and on Islam. As a result, *Harvesting Martin Luther's Reflections* is both a state-of-the-art discussion of Lutheran themes and an excellent introduction for newcomers to Luther's work.

Psalms in Community Harold W. Attridge 2004-01 The Psalms, initially shaped by the experience of Israel, have expressed religious impulses of both Jews and Christians across the centuries. Essays from a spectrum of disciplines demonstrate how the Psalms have functioned over time in

these communities of conviction.

*Our Sovereign Refuge* Shawn D. Wright 2007-10-01 Our Sovereign Refuge is a study of the pastoral theology of Theodore Beza, the Protestant reformer who inherited the mantle of leadership in the Reformed church from John Calvin. Countering a common view of Beza as supremely a 'scholastic' theologian who deviated from Calvin's biblical focus, Wright uncovers a new portrait of Theodore Beza. Beza was not a cold and rigid academic theologian obsessed with probing the eternal decrees of God. Rather, by placing Beza in his pastoral context and by noting his concerns in his pastoral and biblical treatises, Wright shows that Beza was fundamentally a committed Christian who was troubled by the vicissitudes of life in the second half of the sixteenth century. Beza believed that the biblical truth of the supreme sovereignty of God alone could support Christians on their earthly pilgrimage to heaven. This pastoral and personal portrait of Beza forms the heart of Wright's argument.

*The Identity and the Life of the Church* Yosep Kim 2014-12-25 'The Identity and the Life of the Church' is a study of John Calvin's ecclesiology that argues that Calvin's idea of the twofold identity of the Church - its spiritual identity as the body of Christ and its functional identity as the mother of all believers - is closely related to his understanding of Christian

identity and life, which are initiated and maintained by the grace of the triune God. The anthropological basis of Calvin's idea of the Church has not been examined fully, even though Calvin presents the important concepts of his ecclesiology in the light of his anthropological ideas. Yosep Kim provides an overall evaluation of Calvin's ecclesiology, arguing that it is ultimately Calvin's pastoral concern for the Christian and the Church under affliction that governs his theological understanding of the Church and shapes his proposals for establishing and sustaining the life of the Church in the world.

*After Ezekiel* Paul M. Joyce 2014-03-13 Essays on the reception history of the book of Ezekiel, arising from the work of the SBL section 'Theological Perspectives on the Book of Ezekiel'

*Morality After Calvin* Kirk M. Summers 2016-03-25 Morality after Calvin examines the development of ethical thought in the Reformed tradition immediately following the death of Calvin. The book explores a previously unstudied work of Theodore Beza, the *Cato Censorius Christianus* (1591). When read in conjunction with the works and correspondence of Beza and his colleagues (Simon Goulart, Lambert Daneau, Peter Martyr Vermigli, among others), the poems of the *Cato* reveal the theoretical underpinnings of the disciplinary activity during the period. Kirk M. Summers shows how the moral fervor of the latter half of the sixteenth century had its genesis in

a well-formulated theology that viewed a Christian's sanctification as a process of restoration to an original order created by God. Morality propels one on the journey of life to the ultimate goal of peace and contentment in which God receives the glory. The principles that constitute this morality, therefore, look back to the very moment of creation, when God structured human relationships, established a certain order in nature, and issued commands. After the Fall, the Mosaic Law and Christ himself, to whom the faithful are united by the Holy Spirit, embody these principles. They include an ethos of listening, sincerity of life, engagement with one's calling, love of neighbor, respect for divinely ordained order, and a desire for the purity of the flock.

**The Early Reformation on the Continent** Owen Chadwick 2001 The Early Reformation on the Continent offers a fresh look at the formative years of the European Reformation and the origins of Protestant faith and practice. Taking into account recent work on Erasmus and Luther, Owen Chadwick handles these and numerous other figures and with sensitivity and understanding. Emphasis on the context provides a balanced view of the *raison d'être* for the changes which the reforming communities sought to introduce and the difficulties and disagreements concerning these. The structure of the book is distinctively original. Rather than following a conventional chronological progression, Owen Chadwick takes a much

broader perspective and arranges his material thematically. Whatever the topic - the Bible, clerical celibacy, moral questions of adultery and divorce, purgatory, hymns, excommunication, the role of the State in worship and pastoral activity, education, the Eucharist - the reader is taken back to its origins and development through the history of the western Church and given an authoritative, accessible, and informative account.

Adultery and Divorce in Calvin's Geneva Robert McCune Kingdon 1994 In Calvin's Geneva, the changes associated with the Reformation were particularly abrupt and far-reaching, in large part owing to John Calvin himself. *Adultery and Divorce in Calvin's Geneva* makes two major contributions to our understanding of this time. The first is to the history of divorce. The second is in illustrating the operations of the Consistory of Geneva--an institution designed to control in all its variety the behavior of the entire population--which was established at Calvin's insistence in 1541. This mandate came shortly after the city officially adopted Protestantism in 1536, a time when divorce became legally possible for the first time in centuries. Robert Kingdon illustrates the changes that accompanied the earliest Calvinist divorces by examining in depth a few of the most dramatic cases and showing how divorce affected real individuals. He considers first, and in the most detail, divorce for adultery, the best-known grounds for divorce and the best documented. He also covers the only

other generally accepted grounds for these early divorces--desertion. The second contribution of the book, to show the work of the Consistory of Geneva, is a first step toward a fuller study of the institution. Kingdon has supervised the first accurate and complete transcription of the twenty-one volumes of registers of the Consistory and has made the first extended use of these materials, as well as other documents that have never before been so fully utilized.

**John Calvin and Evangelical Theology** Sung Wook Chung 2009 This latest offering by noted theologian Sung Wook Chung examines the ways in which John Calvin continues to impact the global evangelical movement in the twenty-first century. This useful collection is perhaps most distinguished by the diversity of its contributors. Literally spanning the globe, the group of scholars whose work is included represents a wealth of viewpoints from various traditions including Dutch neo-Calvinism, the French Reformed tradition, Scottish-American Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Congregationalism, the Baptist tradition, Calvinist Dispensationalism, Asian Reformed tradition, African American Reformed tradition, and Latin American Evangelicalism. Together, they offer an enlightening glimpse into the historical Calvin and project that understanding on the evangelical movement of the future.

**Calvin and the Book** Karen E. Spierling 2015-08-19 The Protestant

Reformation has long had the reputation as being a movement of "the Book", led by reformers like John Calvin who were "men of the Book". The essays in this volume reveal many of the underlying complexities of these terms. Building on research and scholarly discussions of recent decades, these authors delve into a variety of topics related to John Calvin and the printed word, ranging from the physical changes in printed texts in the first decades of the Reformation to Calvin's thinking about the relationship of two books – the Bible and his own Institutes – to Christian doctrine. Calvin remains a towering figure in the Protestant Reformation, whose theology and religious views are still often cast as rigid and unchanging. These essays emphasize, in contrast, the evolutions and transitions that were fundamental to Calvin's own participation in the Reformation and to the ways that his leadership influenced developments in Reformed Christianity in the following centuries. The contributors, international experts on the history of Calvin and Reformed Protestantism and on Calvin's theology, bring a wide variety of historical and theological approaches to bear on the question of Calvin's relationship to the printed word. Taken all together, these essays will push specialists and general readers to rethink standard assumptions about Calvin's influence on Reformed Christianity and, in particular, about the interplay among theology, Reformed discipline, religious education efforts, and the printed word in early modern Europe.

*Reformation Marriage* Michael Parsons 2011-09-15 "" For centuries its critics have argued that the Reformation was all about sex. Beyond the caricature, there is something significant in the observation. The theological revolution which began in Wittenberg and engulfed so much of early modern Europe was not confined to the cloister of the university; it had an immediate and palpable impact on everyday life. Historians such as Steven Ozment have done much to bring this dimension of the Reformation's impact into full view. Michael Parsons' important study, *Reformation Marriage*, continues this exploration. Aware of appeals made to the teaching of the Reformers by both sides of contemporary debates about gender and relational issues, Dr. Parsons allow us to hear Luther and Calvin for ourselves, locating their comments about family life against the background of medieval teaching on the subject and placing them in the context of each man's wider theological concerns. Here is careful and accessible scholarship that challenges popular misunderstandings about the contribution of the Reformation in this area."" --Mark D. Thompson, Moore Theological College, Sydney, Australia ""In the only book specifically on the subject to date, Michael Parsons investigates the theology of marriage in the writings of Martin Luther and John Calvin, carefully examining a daunting breadth of the Reformers' theological, exegetical, and homiletic works. He concentrates on the role of the wife in

the conjugal relationship, but avoids the common polarity between the modern feminist critique of the woman's role in a Christian understanding of marriage and society, and those who simply ignore the gender difference between man and woman. While appreciating the questions raised by the modern liberationist and feminist scholars of the Reformers, Parsons believes they have generally failed to deal with the corpus of the Reformers in a sufficiently nuanced way. On the other hand, unlike some scholars who want to rescue these Reformers from contemporary criticism, Parsons carefully argues from wide primary evidence that neither Luther nor Calvin envisaged modifying the traditional hierarchal structure of marriage or the subordinationist conjugal relationship between man and woman. He refuses to turn the Reformers into pro-twenty-first-century thinkers, much as we might like them to conform more readily to our own contemporary attitudes. His interpretation therefore injects a much-needed dimension of historical realism into the ongoing scholarly debate on the Reformers' social theology."" --Rowan Strong, Murdoch University, Perth, Western Australia Michael Parsons is Commissioning Editor for Paternoster Press and Associate Research Fellow at Spurgeon College, London. Previously, he was Director of Postgraduate Research at Vose Seminary, Perth, Western Australia. He lives with his wife and two children.

*Natural Law and the Two Kingdoms* David VanDrunen 2010 Conventional scholarship holds that the theology and social ethics of the Reformed tradition stand at odds with concepts of natural law and the two kingdoms. But David VanDrunen here challenges that status quo through his careful, thoroughgoing exploration of the development of Reformed social thought from the Reformation to the present. - from publisher description.

Calvin W. van 't Spijker 2009 In this book, one of the world's leading Calvin scholars, Willem van 't Spijker, provides a compact guide to Calvin's life and the main elements of his thought. By tracing Calvin's influence, he shows both the development of Calvin's thought and the ways in which it was important in his time and later. The book will be an excellent introduction to Calvin's life and thought for both beginning students and those already acquainted with Calvin's work.

[The European Reformations](#) Carter Lindberg 2021-04-12 Rediscover the Reformations in Europe with this insightful and comprehensive new edition of a long-time favorite Amongst the authoritative works covering the European Reformation, Carter Lindberg's *The European Reformations* has stood the test of time. Widely used in classrooms around the world for over twenty-five years, the first two editions of the book were enjoyed and acclaimed by students and teachers alike. Now, the revised and updated Third Edition of *The European Reformations* continues the author's work

to sketch the various efforts to reform received expressions of faith and their social and political effects, both historical and modern. He has expanded his coverage of women in the Reformations and added a chapter on reforms in East-Central Europe. Comprehensively covering all of Europe, *The European Reformations* provides an in-depth exploration of the Reformations' effects on a wide variety of countries. The author discusses: The late Middle Ages and the historical context in which the Reformations gained a foothold Martin Luther, the theological and pastoral responses to insecurity, and the theological implications of those responses The implementation of reforms in Wittenberg, Germany Zwingli's reform program, the Reformation in Zurich, Switzerland, and the impact of medieval sacramental theology The Genevan Reformation and "The Most Perfect School of Christ" Perfect for undergraduate and graduate students in courses on Reformation studies, history, religion, and theology, this edition of *The European Reformations* also belongs on the bookshelves of theological seminary students and anyone with a keen interest in the Reformation and its ongoing impact on faith and society.

**John Calvin (Afterword by R. C. Sproul)** Derek Thomas 2019-11-05 More than 500 years ago, 16th-century Reformer John Calvin was born—a theologian whose teachings set the stage for reformation of the church around the world. The modern world is in continual need of his Christ-

exalting doctrine and vision of the Christian life. In 20 essays by leading Reformed pastors and scholars, this primer explores Calvin's life, teaching,

and legacy for a new generation. This book is a clarion call to Christians everywhere to take seriously the ongoing need of theological reformation across the globe.