

Institutes of the Christian Religion

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Institutes of the Christian Religion is John Calvin's (10 July 1509 – 27 May 1564) seminal work on Protestant systematic theology. Highly influential in the Western world and still widely read by theological students today, it was published in Latin in 1536 and in his native French in 1541, with the definitive editions appearing in 1559 (Latin) and in 1560 (French).

The book was written as an introductory textbook on the Protestant faith for those with some learning already and covered a broad range of theological topics from the doctrines of church and sacraments to justification by faith alone and Christian liberty, and it vigorously attacked the teachings of those Calvin considered unorthodox, particularly Roman Catholicism to which Calvin says he had been "strongly devoted" before his conversion to Protestantism. The overarching theme of the book – and Calvin's greatest theological legacy – is the idea of God's total sovereignty, particularly in salvation and election.

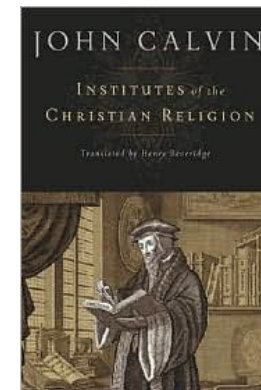
The *Institutes* are a primary reference for the system of doctrine adopted by the Reformed churches, usually called Calvinism.

In English, four complete English translations have been published. The first was made in Calvin's lifetime (1561) by Thomas Norton, the son-in-law of the English Reformer Thomas Cranmer. In the nineteenth century there were two translations; one by John Allen (1813) and one by Henry Beveridge (1845). The most recent is the 1960 edition, translated by Ford Lewis Battles and edited by John T. McNeill, currently considered the most authoritative edition by scholars.

The Calvin 2009 Reading Challenge follows the Henry Beveridge translation.

Reading Challenge 2009

John Calvin's *The Institutes*



The weekly reading material will be available for download from the Willows website (www.willows.org.au) every Sunday of the year from 1.00am, in a word document or pdf file. The amount to be read each week amounts to approximately 20 pages (60 minutes per week); the number of pages may vary depending on your printer settings.

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52 Weekly Readings

The Institutes contains four books, each of varying length. The first reading (which you may download anytime through the week) is from Book One, and covers the first 5 chapters.

| WEEK | BOOK | CHAPTERS | PAGES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 (Jan) | One | 1-5 | 22 | |
| 2 | | 6-9 | 20 | |
| 3 | | 10-12 | 18 | |
| 4 | | 13 | 25 | |
| 5 (Feb) | | 14,15 | 24 | |
| 6 | | 16,17 | 22 | |
| 7 | | 18 | 7 | |
| 8 | Two | 1 | 9 | |
| 9 (Mar) | | 2 | 21 | |
| 10 | | 3,4 | 20 | |
| 11 | | 5,6 | 21 | |
| 12 | | 7 | 12 | |
| 13 | | 8(a) | 19 | |
| 14 (Apr) | | 8(b) | 20 | |
| 15 | | 9,10 | 19 | |
| 16 | | 11-13 | 22 | |
| 17 | | 14,15 | 14 | |
| 18 (May) | | 16,17 | 21 | |
| 19 | Three | 1 | 4 | |
| 20 | | 2 | 32 | |
| 21 | | 3 | 19 | |
| 22 | | 4 | 31 | |
| 23 (Jun) | | 5-7 | 23 | |
| 24 | | 8-10 | 16 | |
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The readings for the week will be ready for download from 1.00am on each Sunday of the year, and past readings will remain on the site throughout the year.

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| 27 (Jul) | | 15-17 | 23 | |
| 28 | | 18,19 | 20 | |
| 29 | | 20(a) | 23 | |
| 30 | | 20(b) | 24 | |
| 31 (Aug) | | 21,21 | 18 | |
| 32 | | 23 | 12 | |
| 33 | | 24 | 16 | |
| 34 | | 25 | 14 | |
| 35 | Four | 1 | 20 | |
| 36 (Sep) | | 2,3 | 19 | |
| 37 | | 4,5 | 22 | |
| 38 | | 6 | 10 | |
| 39 | | 7 | 19 | |
| 40 (Oct) | | 8,9 | 19 | |
| 41 | | 10 | 20 | |
| 42 | | 11 | 12 | |
| 43 | | 12 | 16 | |
| 44 (Nov) | | 13 | 15 | |
| 45 | | 14 | 16 | |
| 46 | | 15 | 13 | |
| 47 | | 16 | 22 | |
| 48 | | 17(a) | 20 | |
| 49 (Dec) | | 17(b) | 20 | |
| 50 | | 18 | 13 | |
| 51 | | 19 | 22 | |
| 52 | | 20 | 21 | |