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## Introduction

- Luther 25 years older than Calvin
- Luther's temperament was fiery
- Calvin's temperament was careful and pensive

## 1509 – 1534

### Early Years

- July 10, 1509 – Calvin born in Noyon, France
- Age 12 – sent to Paris to study theology
- Age 17 – sent to Orlèans to study law
- 1531 – Calvin moved to Paris
- 1532 – Calvin publishes his first book

### Conversion

- Converted sometime between 1527 and 1534
- Robert Olivétan – played a significant part in Calvin's conversion

### Escape from Paris

- 1533 – flees Paris
- Calvin goes to the estate of Louis du Tillet

## 1534 – 1541

### Basel

- 1534 – Calvin traveled to Basel, Switzerland
- Calvin wrote and published the first edition *Institutes of the Christian Religion*



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## Geneva

- 1536 – Calvin decides to travel to Strasbourg
- Detour through Geneva, Switzerland
- Calvin ministered in Geneva as a lecturer then as a pastor
- Easter Sunday, April 23, 1538 – Calvin refuses to allow some influential citizens living in open sin access to the Lord’s Supper. Farel and Calvin were forced to leave Geneva

## Strasbourg

- Pastored French refugees
- Taught at theological school
- 1539 – published a revised and almost three times larger edition of the *Institutes*, and he published his first commentary, the *Commentary on Romans*
- 1541 – published the first French translation of the *Institutes*
- *Reply to Sadoleto*
- *The Form of Ecclesiastical Prayers and Hymns*
- *Little Treatise on the Holy Supper*
- Married Idelette du Bure

## 1541 – 1555

### Request to Return

### Return to Geneva

- September 13, 1541 – Calvin returns to Geneva
- Calvin experienced much opposition up until 1555
- 1542 – Calvin’s only son, Jacques, died two weeks after birth
- 1549 – wife Idelette dies



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## Michael Servetus

- Socinian from Spain
- 1553 – Servetus goes to Geneva
- Servetus placed on trial, found guilty, and sentenced to death

## 1555 – 1564

### A Turning Point

#### Project France

- 1555 – creates a secret network for French pastors and leaders
- Calvin wrote a confession of faith for the French church

### Geneva Academy

#### Publishing and Pastoring

- 1559 – Calvin releases his fifth and final edition of the *Institutes*
- 1560 – Geneva Bible is published
- Calvin wrote commentaries on almost every book of the Bible

#### Final Days

- February 6, 1564 – last sermon
- April 28, 1564 – Calvin dies