

# Calvin and Calvinism

Who was John Calvin?

A Frenchman...a lawyer...whose ministry was in Geneva.

1. A theologian and organizer of truth.
2. A writer of **The Institutes**.
3. A politician in Geneva.
4. A preacher in Geneva.
5. A “missionary” (in a sense).

His major influence was his perspective on the sovereignty of God in all things. *i.e.* “the decree of God”

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His ideas are consolidated in “TULIP”

1. **T: Total Depravity.** The state of lost men.  
Man’s estate: Guilty.  
effect: Dead.  
extent: mind, heart, will, body.  
expression: he suppresses truth, replaces with reason, lives out error. A “son of disobedience, a child of wrath.”

\*Monergism or synergism.

2. **U: Unconditional Election.**

3. **L: Limited Atonement.**

4. **I: Irresistible Grace.**

5. **P: Perseverance of the Saints.**
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Who was Jacob Arminius and Arminianism?

Are there “caution lights” on Calvinism?

Application: What difference does Calvinism make?

1. Worship of a God of grace.
2. Resting in Biblical authority.
3. True humility.
4. Resolve to trust in all things.
5. Evangelism’s comfort is God’s sovereignty.
6. We persevere because we must.

**Conclusion:**