

John Calvin

John 10 1509 70 min. in the Paris
1536 70 years - Farel threatened
him with curse of God if
he refused studies to
work of Lord.
Born 1510. Died 1564. 1st ed of Institutes in 1536 (26 yrs old. In New College. 514 pp).
3rd ed 4 yrs later 6 x longer. No change in doctrine.
By 1580 teaching spread over Swit, Ger, Scot, Holland, France, Hungary. By 1620 74 ed of Institutes in 9 languages and 14 abridgements.

Pious man. Deepest regard for Bible. Prodigious writer. Expert in Grk and Heb. Walking concordance. Wrote more than most can read and digest in lifetime. Sense of majesty of God made him strict in living. Yet enjoyed billiards in local club he organized.

Doctrine. ① System built on sovereignty of God. Did not dodge into permission of sin. Yet found trouble in explaining evil. Used examples. To objection precautions unnecessary C appealed to facts of experience and self-knowledge. God gives us sense to use, but said nothing finally happened but what God foreordained. But this is a concession to usual Calvinism bec something could secondarily happen which was not foreordained in C's sense. To responsibility C said men do evil voluntarily not by compulsion. Acc to God's will but not by His command. Very tight rope. Practically his doctrine brot great comfort never license.

Married 1540. 3 kids all died infancy. Wife died 19 yrs later.

Protestant effect of Calvinism

1. High moral standard. Bec of view of God.
2. Religion Aberty promoted.
3. Missionary?
4. Strong on education.

Eschatology Herish

James Arminius

B. Holland 1560. At 15 knew science, Latin, Greek, entered U. at 15. Then to Geneva and Basle. Ordained 1588. Asked to defend supra. Married at 30 had 7 sons and 2 daughters. Couldn't defend. Died age 49. Writings in 3 vols. Amiable man. System of Arminianism forged by successor Simon Episcopius.

Doctrine. Britannica.

1. Decree of God unconditional when concerns self and conditional when concerns man's actions.
2. Providence is sovereign but exercised in harmony with nature of creatures.
3. Man cannot in fallen state do right.
4. Divine grace is source of all that is good in man and can't do anything apart from it.
5. Saints can decline from sound doctrine so as to cause grace to be ineffectual. ***
6. Every bel can be assured of own sal.
7. Possible for regenerate to live without sin. ***

"I never taguth that a true believer can either totally or finally fall away from the faith, and perish; yet I will not conceal, that there are passages of scripture which seem to me to wear this aspect."

"But in his lapsed and sinful state, man is not capable, of and by himself, either to think, to will, or to do that which is really good; but it is necessary for him to be regenerated and renewed in his intellect, affections, or will...that he may be qualified rightly to understand will and perform whatever is truly good."

*Originally meant universal grace + conditional election
Condemned by Synod of Dort 1619.*

*Wesleyan Arminianism claim to follow original but
have included a lot of free thinking ideas.*

Can conveniently fall away. Can experience full sanctification.