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John Calvin
Calvinism, Pt. 2

Calvinism is usually identified with the doctrine of eternal security and Arminianism with the doctrine loosing salvation, therefore the teaching of God's predestination and free-will of man must be taught in balance consistently, so as to not end up in error.
* As we have stated A. W. Tozer said that both doctrines are extremes and both are wrong in what they denied and right in what they affirmed.

Listen again to the late founder and leader of Calvary Chapel Chuck Smith, "We neither are Five-Point Calvinists nor are we Arminian. We do believe in the security of the believer. There are people who are always trying to pigeonhole Calvary Chapel. Do you believe in eternal security?" I say, "Yes, of course I believe in eternal security. As long as you **abide in Christ**, I'm eternally secure." Distinctives:116

The best thing to do is to limit ourselves to Biblical terms so we do not have to define them ourselves and for that reason I do not use the term "eternal security" or "loss of salvation", neither one is found in the Bible.

But we do find words and phrase like: "abide", 'grow', "walk', 'be rooted", "be steadfast",

"continue", 'do not grow weary", "do not drift", "turn not away', "do not depart", "do not be deceived", "If anyone among you wonders from the truth", the context gives the exact meaning.

All of these phrases identify the process and the evidence of our salvation, here and now! Therefore we are to make our call and election sure, having confident assurance of our salvation. 2Pet. 1:10

1. Paul says, "For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day". 2Tim. 1:12

2. Again in Hebrews says, "And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end." Heb. 6:11

3. No person saves themselves, nor offers works to be saved, we are saved by grace through faith, that not of ourselves, it is a gift of God. Eph. 2:8-9

4. No one can add one thing to their salvation, it was all accomplished at the cross by Jesus, even as He said, "It is finished". Jn. 19:35

We want to focus our study on John Calvin by way of a three-fold argument:

- I. The argument of Calvinist.
- II. The argument from the Institutes of Calvin.
- III. The argument from imposed Christianity by Calvin.

I. The argument of Calvinists.

A. The argument from prominent men.

1. R. C. Sproul who is one of the most recognized Calvinist and promoter of Calvinism recognized by all and he stated, “The titans of classical Christian scholarship” are Calvinists. (Chosen By God:15)
2. Often Calvinist have pointed out that many of the great evangelist, missionaries, as well as theologian were Calvinist.
 - a. But that should not exclude or ignore the multitudes of equal caliber men who were not Calvinists.
 - b. Such as Finney, D. L. Moody, Richard Baxter, John Newton, John and Charles Wesley, John Bunyan, H. C. G. Moule or Billy Sunday.

B. The argument from history.

1. R. C. Sproul is one of their greatest spokesman of Calvinism and he wrote in the introduction of the New Geneva Study Bible by Thomas Nelson Publishers in 1995, he promotes Calvinism aggressively in his marginal explanations of key passages, calling it “Reformation truth”, equating the Reformation with Calvinism.

- a. The statement is incorrect, the Reformation of Luther was “justification by faith”, not Calvinism.
 - b. The statement is historically inaccurate and bias, Luther was 25 when Calvin was born in 1509.
2. One of the greatest experts on ecclesiastical history would beg to differ, Bishop Davenant states.
 - a. “It may be truly affirmed that before the dispute **between Augustine and Pelagius**, there was no question concerning the death of Christ, whether it was to be extended to all mankind, or to be confirmed only to the elect. For the Fathers...not a word (that I know of) occurs among them of the exclusion of any person by the **decree of God**. (Hunt:19)
* Everything in Calvinism is based on the decrees of God, nothing can happen apart from them!
 - b. He further states, “Augustine dies on A. D. 429, and up to his time, at least, there is not the slightest evidence that any Christian ever dreamed of a propitiation for the elect alone. Even after him, the doctrine of a limited propitiation was but slowly propagated, and for long but partially received”. (Hunt:19)

- * In other words Calvinistic doctrines were unknown during the first three centuries of church history!
- c. In fact Charles Haddon Surgeon often quoted by Calvinist did not believe in the third point of Calvinism, “limited atonement”, listen to his own words.
 - * “I know there are some who think it necessary to their system of theology to limit the merit of the blood of Jesus: if my theological system needed such limitation, I would cast it to the winds. I cannot, I dare not, allow the thought to find lodging in my mind, it seems so **near akin to blasphemy**. In Christ’s finished work I see an ocean of merit; my plummet finds no bottom, my eye discerns no shore.... Having a divine person for an offering, it is not consistent to conceive of limited value; bound and measure are term inapplicable to the divine sacrifice.” (Hunt:19)
- e. Calvinists insist that their Calvinistic dogmas represented the faith of the Reformers, who led the Reformation and for that reason alone every Christian should except them.

- * The principle of Scripture is to be a good Berean and examine to see if what is taught is so. Acts 17:11

C. The argument from intellect.

1. One of the arguments of Calvinist is that not everyone is qualified to examine the Calvinistic doctrine to the Bible and that one needs special preparation.
 - a. Yet, Jesus said repeatedly that the new born believer can understand the things of God by the illumination of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. Jn. 14-16
 - b. Peter says, “As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.” 1Pet. 2:2-3
 - * You have the word of God, the mind of Christ and the Holy Spirit!
2. The volume of resources is certainly not the problem, on either side, apart from the Bible.
 - a. The Calvinist have Edwin H. Palmer, R. C. Sproul, John Piper, A. W. Pink and many others.
 - b. Those who reject Calvinism you have, Samuel Fisk, Dave Hunt, Laurence M. Vance, The Other Side Of Calvinism.

3. Calvinist don't even agree among themselves in the five points.
 - a. Many do agree on the five points, some times called hyper-Calvinist.
 - b. Some call themselves three or four point Calvinist, a misnomer.
 - c. The person who understands the five points of Calvinism, understands that the first is the foundation of the other four, they are all tied together, to except the first, you have to except the other four or they all fall apart.
3. The interesting thing is that even those who hold to all five points, they have different ways of understanding them or defending them.
 - a. There is a word game that is played.
 - b. There is human logic and reasoning at the expense of God's word, like the Corinthians.
 - * Paul put it this way, "For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things

which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence." 1Cor. 1:26-29

4. If the doctrine of Calvinism is too difficult to understand for the average Christian, then are we to suppose that Calvinist are above the average Christian or that Christians who are not Calvinist, are not Christians? You must answer me!
 - a. Loraine Boettner declares, "the great advantage of the Reformed Faith is that in the framework of the Five Points of Calvinism it sets forth clearly what the Bible teaches concerning the way of salvation."
 - b. B. B. Warfield claimed, "Calvinism is evangelicalism in its purest and only stable expression."
 - * Both of statements are unbiblical, inaccurate, bias and wrong!
5. If Calvinism is the gospel of our salvation and not everyone can understand it, what does that mean?
 - a. Where does that leave the multitudes who believe they are saved by mere and simple faith in Jesus Christ as they have repented from their sins?

- b. If the average person can not understand the gospel, how do you know who to preach to?
- 6. The belief that those who will be saved have been set by **God's decree** and no other can be saved and that those elect to be saved must be regenerated by God's sovereign act without the gospel or any persuasion, be it by any preacher or any faith in God on their part, could hardly be good motivation for the "Great Commission" or affirm that God is a God of love!
 - a. How do Calvinist know who is elected? They don't!
 - b. How do they know they are one of the "elect" and not merely deceiving themselves?

D. The argument from Scripture.

- 1. The real problem is what one does with all the Scriptures that clearly offer salvation to every man, woman and child?
 - a. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever** believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jn. 3:16
 - b. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you **good**

- tidings of great joy which will be to **all people.**" Lk. 2:10
- c. "And it shall come to pass That **whoever** calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved." Acts 2:21
- d. "Then they said to the woman, "Now **we believe**, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the **Savior of the world.**" Jn. 4:42
- e. "To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, **whoever** believes in Him will receive remission of sins." Acts 10:43
- f. "And He Himself is the propitiation for **our sins**, and not for ours only but also for **the whole world.**" 1Jn. 2:2
- g. "And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. **Whoever** desires, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17
- 2. How can Calvinist say their gospel is founded on the plain teaching of the Scriptures?
 - a. When every passage that states the words; all, whoever, everyone, all men, whosoever will, is **altered** and interpreted by them to mean "the elect", instead of what it plainly says,

willfully corrupting the text, as well as interpreting the “elect” in context.

* Wesley said, the most obvious sense of the text is usually the common sense of it’s meaning, so when the text makes sense, do not make it say non-sense!

- b. Therefore it is not objective truth being observed and recorded by Calvinists, but rather subjective truth being imported into the text!
- 3. Paul and Peter tell us the Lord is not willing any should perish, but that all should come to the knowledge of the truth and to repentance.” 1Tim. 2:4; 2Pet. 3:9
 - a. The reason people perish is not that God decreed them to hell from the foundation of the world, but the problem is their hardness of heart and unbelief, but Calvinist can not allow man free-will and if so, it is only to say no to salvation.
 - b. God will illuminate, draw and convict a person of their sins, but God will not cause a person to repent, this is left to human responsibility, a choice and decision of each person!

Illustration

As we stated, the faith of the Bible is reasonable, but it is not based on reason and logic alone!

These are just a few of the arguments of Calvinist!

II. The arguments from the Institutes of Calvin.

- A. The man John Calvin patterned himself after Augustine.
 1. Aurelius Augustinus was born November 13, 354 at Tagaste, a small town near the eastern border of modern Algeria.
 2. His father Patricius was a pagan Roman official, supposedly converted before death; his mother Monica a Christian.
 3. In 386 after he finished his studies in philosophy, law and the classics, being greatly inspired by Plato.
 4. He taught one year of grammar and made a career as a rhetorician, he embraced Christianity and entered the Catholic Church, establishing a monastery and being appointed its bishop move it to Hippo Africa.
 5. Augustine influenced later philosophers and many evangelicals today through Calvin and his teaching on Calvinism.
 - * Reform theologian Herman Hanko said, “Our fathers at Dordrecht knew well that these truths set forth in the

Canons could not only be traced back to the Calvin Reformation; They could be traced back to the theology of St. Augustine...For it was Augustine who had originally defined these truths.” (Hunt:84-85)

B. The man John Calvin.

1. He was born July 10, 1509 in Noyon, France, as Jean Chauvin.
2. He was from a very religious Catholic family in a prominent position in an ecclesiastical town controlled by local bishops and priests.
3. And was an inside participant in a corrupt religious and political system.
4. John Calvin learned an ungodly partnership between the civil and religious authorities, which held the people in bondage by the Roman church.
5. Later in Geneva, Switzerland Calvin implemented this type of church dominance in civil affairs by persecution and execution of those accused of heresy.
6. Calvin entered college at the University of Paris and in 1528, Calvin’s father unexpectedly fell in disfavor with the bishop and was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church and his brother shortly after for teaching heresy.

7. John Calvin seeing that a career in law was more lucrative, it became his passion, laying the foundation for the legalism which later would become so pervasive in the theology he would develop.
 8. After his **Bachelor of Laws** in 1531, he later was granted a doctorate in law and returning to Paris he immersed himself in the study of **classical literature**, publishing his first piece of writing.
 9. Falling into a circle of humanist intellectuals who were urging reform of the Church and much like Luther’s boldness against the Pope he was forced to flee Paris in 1534, finding refuge in Angouleme.
 10. There he began to write his Institutes of Christian Religion, which he finished the next year in Latin, containing in brief outline all the essential elements of his system, which later was enlarged to five time the size of the original and published in French.
- C.** The Institutes of Calvin.
1. John Calvin developed his own brand of Christianity, which was based on the expansion of Augustinianism and the influence of the Vulgate translation of the Bible, the official Bible of the Roman

Catholic Church, which he had studied for years in Latin. Vulgate means for the common people

2. Out of all his writings there is no clear reference to his salvation except that he refers to “a sudden conversion” which subdued his “over-much hardened heart”.
3. He kept himself on the payroll of the Catholic Church till a year after he claimed he had been miraculously delivered from the “deep slough” of “obstinate addiction to the superstitions of the papacy”.
4. On May 4, 1534 he returned to Noyon to resign from the Bishop’s employ and was arrested and imprisoned, but managed to escape and fled being on the run, yet he finished his Institutes in August 1535 and published 1536.
5. Dave Hunt says, “Unquestionably, his Institutes could not come from a deep and fully developed evangelical understanding of Scripture. Instead, they came from the energetic enthusiasm of a recent law graduate and fervent student of philosophy and religion, a young genius devoted to Augustine and a newly adopted cause.
* “As a lad of twenty-six, he completed the most eloquent, fervent, lucid, logical, influential, and terrible work

in all the literature of the religious revolution...He carried into theology and ethics the logic, precision, and severity of Justinian’s Institutes and gave his own masterpiece a similar name”. (“Durant”, Hunt:38)

6. No one can question Calvin’s love and zeal for the Bible, even believing what he taught was God’s word, but he brought his humanistic gift of logic and reliance on Augustine, rather than spiritual discernment by the Holy Spirit. 1Cor. 2:14

D. The foundational elements of Calvin’s Institutes.

- * All these quotes are Calvin’s own words!
- 1. The first is an extreme view of God’s sovereignty, which denies human will and considered the church to be God’s kingdom on earth, both held by Augustine.
- 2. Augustine taught that foreknowledge and predestination were the same therefore God caused future events, for nothing can happen unless God decrees it, which is so extreme that it makes God the author of every event, even of all sin.
* Calvin said, “Now...God... arranges all things...If God merely foresaw human events and did not also arrange

and dispose of them at his pleasure, there might be room for agitating the question, how far his foreknowledge amounts to necessity; but since...he has decreed that they are so to happen...it is clear that all events take place by his sovereign appointment". (Hunt:40)

3. It is out of this view of God's sovereignty that Calvin understood predestination, the second foundational element of his Institutes, following the teaching of Augustine Calvin said:
 - * "Scripture clearly proves...that God by his eternal and immutable counsel determined once for all those whom it was **his pleasure one day to admit to salvation**, and those whom, on the other hand, it was **his pleasure to doom to destruction**". (Hunt:41)
4. Throughout his Institutes Calvin scarcely mentions or considers God's love, which Calvin considered secondary to His sovereign choice making God unjust, unloving and denying to man what He promised to all.
 - a. Calvin says, "But as the Lord seals his elect by calling and justification, so by excluding the reprobate either from the knowledge of his name or the sanctification of his Spirit, He by

these marks in a manner discloses the judgment which awaits them." (Hunt: 41)

- b. Now since the arrangement of all things is in the hand of God...He arranges...that individuals are born, who are **doomed from the womb** to certain death, and **are to glorify him by their destruction...**" (Hunt:41)

Illustration

Every systematic Theology, commentary or Christian literature must be sifted through the Bible!

These are just a sample of the arguments from the Institutes of Calvin!

III. The argument from imposed Christianity by Calvin.

- A. The belief of Augustine was that the church was a mixture of believer and unbelievers and that they were to be allowed to live side by side.
 1. Jesus taught the same thing in the parable of the wheat and tares, but Augustine used the power of the state to compel church attendance and those found not within the church were corrected and converted. Matt. 13:29

2. Calvin also used the power of the state, following Augustine's pattern of forcing people to attend church, participate in the sacraments by threats, and worse things against the citizens of Geneva. (Hunt:46)
3. Though Augustine preferred persuasion whenever possible, he also supported the death penalty for those who were re-baptized as believers after conversion to Christ and other alleged heretics.
4. In Augustine's controversy with the Donatists, the Christians who abhorred the apostasy that had come into the church by way of Constantine marrying the church to the world, he distorted the text in Luke's gospel, making it sound like Islam's forceful measures against those who defect from that religion of violence. Lk. 4:23

* Augustine said, "Why therefore should not the Church use force in compelling her lost sons to return?...The Lord Himself said, "Go out into the highways and byways and hedges and compel them to come in...Wherefore is the power which the Church has received...and let them not find fault with being compelled". (Hunt:47) **Completely out of context!**

- B. The truth is no one can deny that Augustine was a great thinker, but that we claim him as an accurate Biblical thinker is wrong!
 1. Even though he was one of the original four "Doctors of the Church" with a feast day dedicated to him!
 2. Sir Robert Anderson declares, "The Roman Catholic Church was molded by Augustine into the form it has ever since maintained. Of all the error that later centuries developed in the teaching of the church, scarcely one cannot be found in embryo in his writings". (Hunt: 49-50)
 3. Augustine believed infant baptism for regeneration, if they died unbaptized they were damned, the need of baptism for remission of sins, purgatory, salvation alone through sacraments and persecution for those who reject Catholic dogmas.
 4. He embraced the **acceptance of the Apocrypha**, which the Jews rejected and the allegorical interpretation of the Bible, **opposed to literal when deeming so** and the literal rejection of Christ's personal reign on the earth for 1,000 years.
 - a. He taught that we were in the millennial reign of Christ, with the church reigning and Satan presently bound, the doctrine of the Catholic Church

- b. All of this in contradiction of all the passages teaching Satan's activities on the earth and in the midst of the church. 2Cor. 4:4; 11:14; Eph. 6:11; 1Pet. 5:8
- 5. Augustine was one of the first to place the authority of tradition on a level with the Bible.
 - * Incorporated philosophy, especially Platonism, into his theology.
- 6. What an amazing contradiction to embrace Calvin who almost completely agrees with Augustine, in fact Calvin called himself "an Augustinian theologian". (Hunt:51)
 - * Listen to Laurence M. Vance, "Howbeit, to prove conclusively that Calvin was a disciple of Augustine, we need to look no further than Calvin himself. One can't read five pages in Calvin's Institutes without seeing the name of Augustine. Calvin quotes Augustine over 400 times in the Institutes alone. He called Augustine by such titles as "holy man" and "holy father". (hunt:51)
- 7. The Latin Vulgate was also another source that molded his thinking, being fluent in Latin he used the corrupted translation by Jerome at the beginning of the fifth century, declared the official

- Catholic Bible in the Council of Trent in 1546, when Calvin was 37 years of age.
- a. For 1,000 years the Vulgate was practically the only Bible read in Western Europe.
 - b. The Vulgate was saturated with Augustinian views on predestination and rejection of free-will, the whole system of penance, etc.
 - c. Luther wrote, "In the beginning, I devoured Augustine, but when...I knew what justification by faith really was, then it was out with him." (Hunt:52)
 - 8. The New Geneva Study Bible, recently reprinted as The Reformation Study Bible, is being distributed in efforts to indoctrinate the readers into Calvinism, even in it's New King James Version, the notes are Calvinistic.
 - a. Yet as stated earlier in the introduction R. C. Sproul states and calls it "Reformation truth", equating the Reformation with Calvinism, as if Calvinism and Protestantism are identical, absolutely wrong.
 - b. This is why the Puritans were Calvinist and ignorance alone about Augustine and Calvin could possibly except the sincerely erroneous declaration of the Calvinist Boettner.

* “Calvin and Augustine easily rank as the two outstanding systematic expounders of the Christian system since Saint Paul”. I don’t think so, Paul spoke under Inspiration!

C. The imposed Christianity of Calvin.

1. Even as Constantine forced all to become Christians and in 317 he published the most sever edict against the Donatists, the Christians objecting to the corruption of the church, confiscating their property and exiling their leaders. Within four years the universal freedom of conscience proclaimed at Milan had been abrogated and the state had become a persecutor once more, only this time in favor of Christian orthodoxy... (Hunt:60)
2. Augustine followed the same persecution against the Donatists who insisted on the purity of the church, even to sanctioning the killing of the Donatist and other schismatics, some being forced back to the church.
3. Calvin applied his legal training and natural brilliance to the development of a system of Christianity based upon an extreme view of God’s sovereignty which by the sheer force of its logic would compel kings and all mankind to conform all affairs to righteousness. In

partners with the church, kings and other civil rulers would enforce Calvinistic Christianity.

- * Calvin’s statement on the 1000 year reign of Christ on the earth is illuminating, “fiction is too puerile to need or to deserve refutation.”, as far as he was concerned, Christ’s kingdom began with His advent upon the earth and had been in the process ever since, rejecting the literal reign on the earth. Augustine also!
4. Ignoring the biblical truth and following Augustine’s error, Calvin determined to establish a beachhead for the kingdom of God on earth at Geneva, Switzerland and his first attempt ended with his expulsion from the city.
 5. Three years later the city council of Geneva invited him back and succeeded in establishing his imposing religion on Geneva in a manner far from the teachings and example of Christ.
 6. And he set out with systematic thoroughness to work for the realization of his plan to convert Geneva into the first kingdom of God on earth. It was to be a community without corruption, disorder, vice or sin; it was to be the New Jerusalem. (Hunt:62)

- a. To regulate lay conduct a system of domiciliary visits was established...and questioned the occupants on all phases of their lives...The allowable color and quantity of clothing and the number of dishes permissible at a meal, were specified by law. Jewelry and lace were frowned upon. A woman was jailed for arranging her hair to an immoral height....
- b. Censorship of the press was take over from Catholic and secular precedents and enlarged: books... of immoral tendency were banned To speak disrespectfully of Calvin or the clergy was a crime. A first violation of these ordinances was punished with a reprimand, further violation with fines, persistent violation with imprisonment or banishment. Fornication was to be punished with exile or drowning; adultery, blasphemy, or idolatry, with death ...a child was beheaded for striking its parents.
- c. Calvin's own daughter-in-law and step-daughter were guilty of adultery.
* How interesting is man has no free-will to be saved, how is it a saved

- Calvinist has a free-will to sin being saved?
- d. In the years 1558-9 there were 414 prosecutions for moral offenses; between 1542 and 1564 there were seventy-six banishments and fifty-eight executions; the total population of Geneva was then 20,000. (Hunt:63)
- e. This zeal of Calvin could not be from the Holy Spirit, but his powerful personality and extreme view of God's sovereignty that denied all power of choice to man, therefore "grace" had to be irresistibly imposed. (Hunt:63)
- 7. Calvin ruled as "the Protestant Pope", "the dictator of Geneva" from 1541-1564
* All from hunt:64-65)
 - a. Confessions of faith were mandatory to all citizen, written up by Calvin.
 - b. It was a crime to disagree with the "Protestant Pope", committing treason to the state, as one doctor named Jerome Bolsec dared with Calvin's doctrine of predestination, he was arrested and banished from Geneva and that he would be flogged if he returned to Geneva.
 - c. John. Trolliet, a city notary, criticized Calvin's view of predestination for making God the author of sin, which

Calvin's writings clearly state, the court decreed that no one was to speak against the Institutes and its doctrines.

- d. The use of torture for extracting "confessions" was approved by Calvin, as one man named Gruet after thirty days of torture confessed, whether truthfully or in desperation, no one knows, but on July 16, 1547, "half dead, he was tied to a stake, his feet were nailed to it, and his head was cut off.
 - e. There is the arrest and execution by fire of Miguel Servetus in October 17, 1553, who discovered the pulmonary circulation of the blood passage of the right chamber of the heart along the pulmonary artery to and through the lungs, its purification there by aeration, and its return via the pulmonary vein to the left chamber of the heart.
8. No one has ever been so successful as Calvin in imposing a totalitarian "godliness" upon an entire society!
- a. Calvin disproved his first point of "Total depravity", that man has no free will, but they did as they could not be persuaded to live as he decreed, regardless of the penalty.

- b. The second and third point also were disproved, "unconditional election" and "irresistible Grace", the people failed to live up to his decrees and they did resist.

* Dave Hunt in his book says, 'Today's representation of Calvinism is "Reformation theology" that supposedly revived true Christianity is grossly inaccurate'. (Hunt. :66)

Illustration

"You shall not **add** to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you". Deut. 4:2; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18

These are argument from the imposed Christianity by Calvin!

Conclusion

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