

Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion  
6 Receiving the Benefits of Christ

1. The Working of the Spirit

- (a) The Holy Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_ by which Christ effectually \_\_\_\_\_ us to himself.
- (b) Christ came ... to \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ and to gather us unto the hope of eternal \_\_\_\_\_. **Rom. 5:1; Rom 8:9-11**
- (c) Titles Scripture gives to the Spirit
- i. Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of our inheritance
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_ is the principal work of the Spirit **1 John 4:13**
- (e) \_\_\_\_\_ itself is produced only by the Spirit.

2. Faith

- (a) Faith is a
- i. firm and certain \_\_\_\_\_  
A. of God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Founded upon  
A. the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ
    - revealed to our \_\_\_\_\_
    - and \_\_\_\_\_ upon our \_\_\_\_\_
    - through the Holy Spirit
- (b) Faith is knowledge not only of \_\_\_\_\_ but of \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Knowledge may not be \_\_\_\_\_ but it is based on \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Faith can not be separated from \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) The proper goal of faith is \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) Faith is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love for us in Christ, a knowledge which is invariably \_\_\_\_\_ by doubts and fears, and over which it finally emerges \_\_\_\_\_.
- i. Our self-examination is not so much "Am I trusting in Christ?" but "Am I trusting in Christ?"

(g) Salvation is not \_\_\_\_\_ of faith; it is \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

### 3. Repentance

(a) The whole gospel is contained under these two headings, repentance and forgiveness of sins.

i. Our term for what Calvin calls “forgiveness of sins” and “salvation” is \_\_\_\_\_.

ii. Our term for what Calvin calls “repentance” and “eternal blessedness” is \_\_\_\_\_.

(b) Repentance is a true turning **Psalm 34:14**

i. Repentance arises from a \_\_\_\_\_ fear of God

ii. A ‘repentance of law’ which comes from a fear of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is not a true turning.

(c) Repentance consists of mortification of our \_\_\_\_\_ and vivification of the \_\_\_\_\_

i. Mortification consists in \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ and doing good.

(d) Vivification involves:

i. Participation in Christ unto \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Living a \_\_\_\_\_ life

iii. Doing the \_\_\_\_\_ God prepared \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Eph. 2:10**

*Since it is the Lord who forgives, forgets, and wipes out, sins, let us confess our sins to him in order to obtain pardon. ... It is he who is hurt and offended; from him let us seek peace. ... He it is, finally, who calls sinners; let us not delay to come to God himself.*

**- John Calvin, Institutes III.3.9**

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- Institutes 3.6 - 3.10
- Matt. 16:24, Rom 12:1-2, 1 Pet. 1:14-16