

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