

What Does it Mean to be: *Reformed* Swiss Reformation, part 4 Calvin

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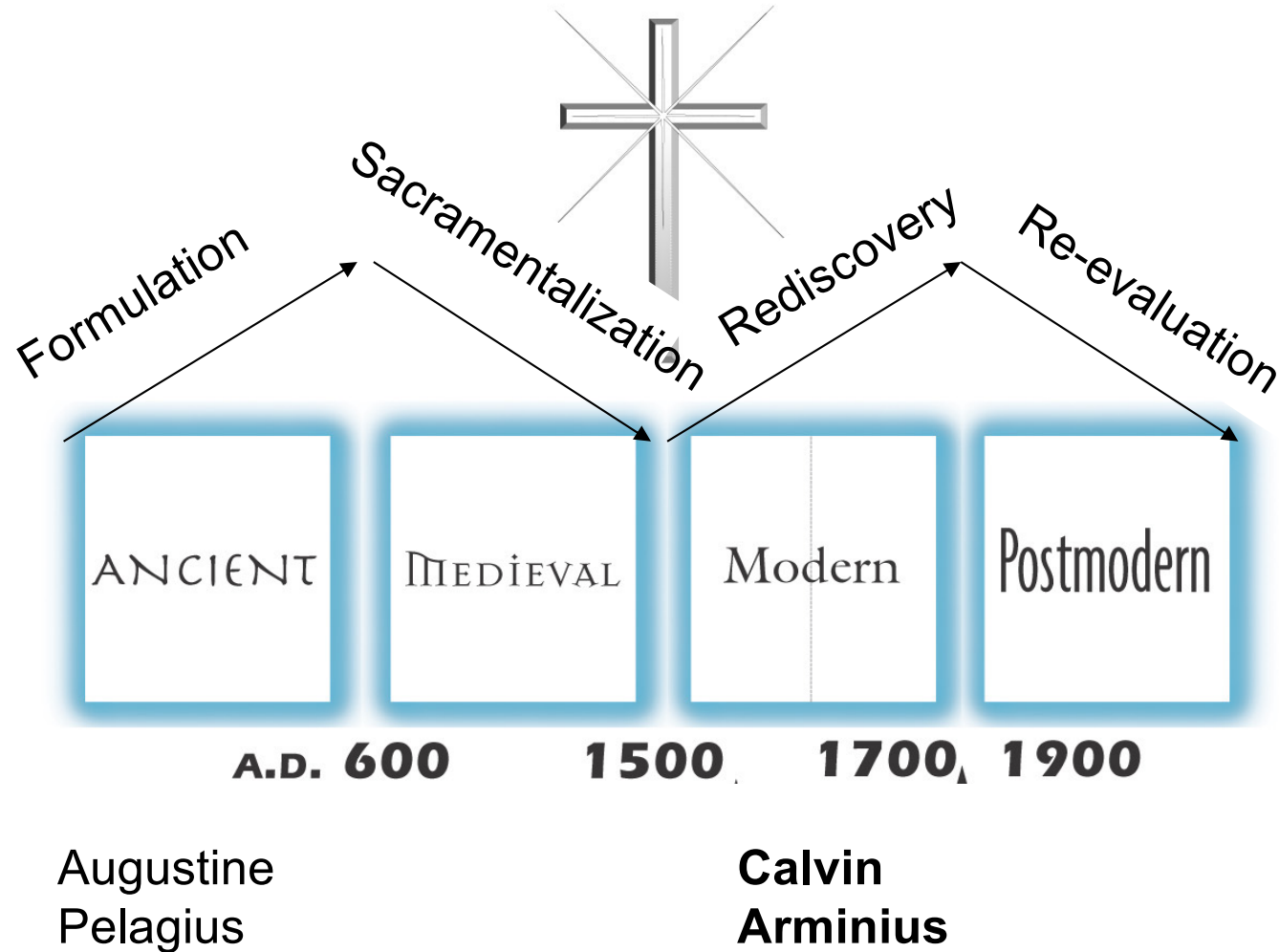
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Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, you should be able to:

- Enumerate Calvin's **contributions**
- Differentiate the teachings of **Arminius** from **Calvin**
- Contrast **Pelagius** and **Augustine**

The Divisions of History





Geneva: St. Pierre & Le Jet

Rue
Jean-CALVIN
(1509-1564, Théologien
et réformateur de Genève)

John Calvin's House, near the St Pierre's Cathedral



John Calvin's St. Pierre.





Altar at St. Pierre's



“After Darkness, Light”

Calvin's original Academy

Auditoire de Calvin



Inside the Calvin Auditorium





Calvin's triangular chair

Calvin's Writings

- Commentary of Seneca:
De Clementia
- *Institutes* (same time as Henry VIII's break from Rome)
- *Commentaries* on the Bible
- Wrote 3,000 letters.



Calvin's Sayings



- “The principal work of the Spirit is *faith*.”
- “The principal exercise of faith is *prayer*.”
- “God commands that which we *cannot do*, in order that we know what we should ask of him”
- “The law *commands* in order that we, ... might train ourselves to implore God’s aid.”

1st vs. 2nd Generation Reformers: **Luther vs. Calvin**

Wild Boar

Quiet

Peasant

Professional

Theology & Philosophy

Humanities & Legal

Prophet

Organizer

Large & Strong

Weak & Thin

Luther vs. Calvin

continued

Large family

**Married widow,
no surviving children.**

Monarchy

Republic

Consubstantiation (physical)

Spiritual (real means of grace)

Go-go

No-no.

Theological Differences between the **Lutheran** and **Calvinist** Reformations

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Lutheran Position</u>	<u>Reformed Position</u>
Grace of God	Grace received through baptism or preaching - enables one to avoid resisting the regenerating grace of God	Irresistible
Repentance	Leads to faith	Flows from faith
Baptism	Causes regeneration, removing guilt and power of sin	Incorporation into the Covenant of Grace
The Law	To reveal God's holiness and drive the sinner to Christ	To reveal God's holiness, drive the sinner to Christ, show the believer how to please God (sanctification).

Theological Differences between the Lutheran and Calvinist Reformations, *continued*

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Lutheran Position</u>	<u>Reformed Position</u>
Lord's Supper	Christ present in the sacrament objectively (real <i>physical</i> presence)	Sign and seal of the Covenant of Grace to believers; Christ present by faith (real <i>spiritual</i> presence)
Church & State	The Church is to tutor in the faith the rulers who support Protestantism	Holy Commonwealth in which Church and state are both Christian, yet perform their separate functions
Regulative Principle of Worship	Whatever is <u>not forbidden</u> in Scripture for Worship is <i>permissible</i>	Whatever is <u>not commanded</u> in Scripture for Worship is <i>forbidden</i> .

The Servetus Affair

- Spanish theologian
- Corresponded with Calvin
- 1553: Geneva
- October 27.



Calvin's Later Life

- Writings
- Preached 2x Sunday, 5x a week
- 2,000 sermons: 1 hour (16 mo. on Deuteronomy)
- Established Academy: Lectured 3x weekly
- Consistory & Committees (Session)
- Ill health.



ULTIMOS MOMENTOS DE CALVINO

Calvin's Contributions

- Institutes of the Church
- University of Geneva
- Commentaries on most books of Bible...

Calvin's Contributions

- Defender of Republican government
- Thrift – “Protestant Work Ethic”
- Geneva: Haven for persecuted Christians.

Geneva Old Town:

Upper level,
added for refugees.



Calvin's successor: Theodore Beza

- Luther → Melanchthon
 - Zwingli → Bullinger
 - Calvin → Beza
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- 1519 – 1605 Wealthy family
 - University of Orléans
 - Both Swiss traditions united:
1516: *Helvetic Confession*.

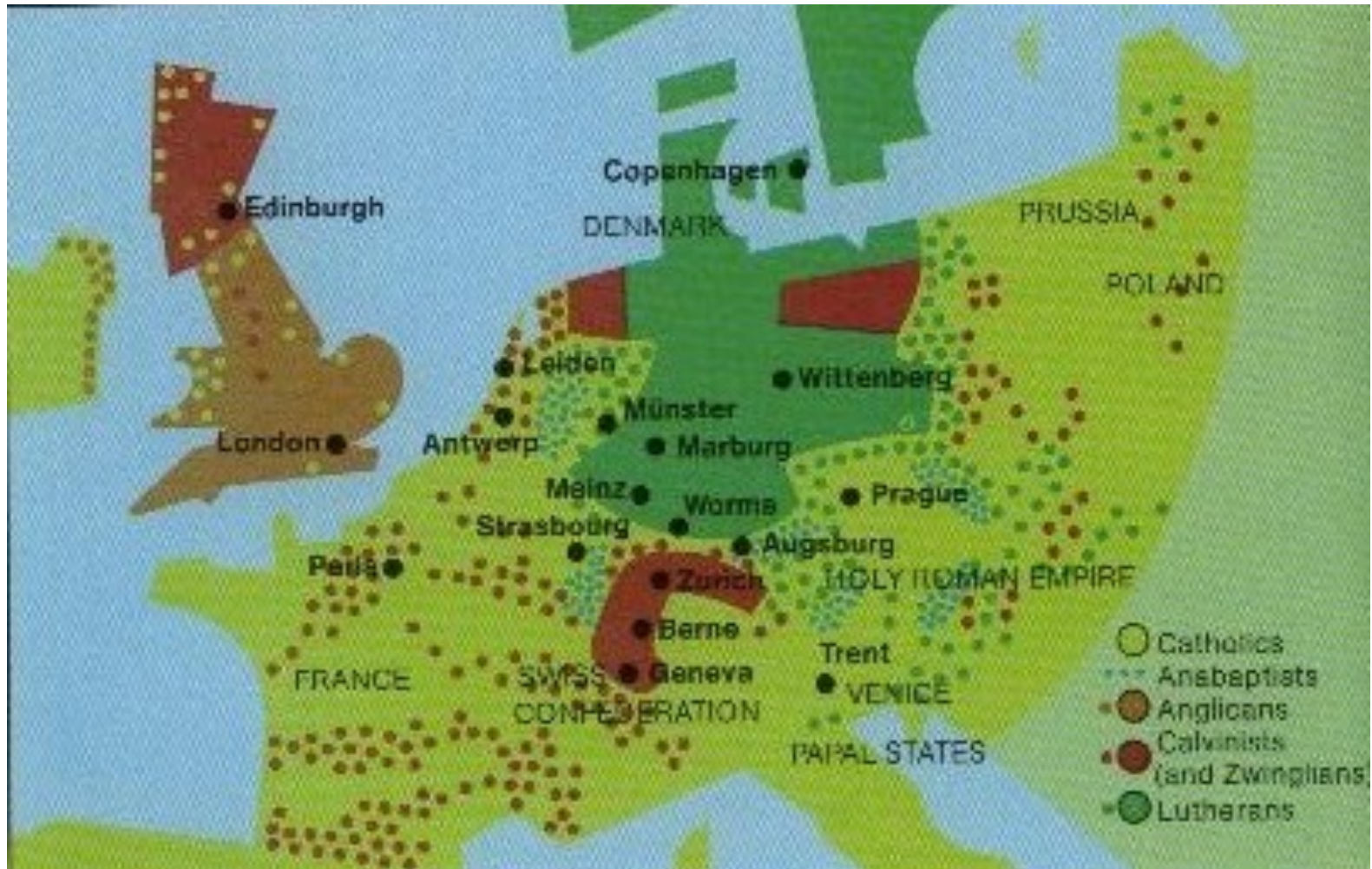


Geneva's Reformation Wall



Guillaume Farel, Jean Calvin, Theodore Beza, John Knox

Spread of Calvinism



1-Word Summary

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| • Catholic Church | Merit |
| • Luther | Justification |
| • Zwingli | Sovereignty |
| • Anabaptists | <i>Credobaptism</i> |
| • Calvin | Omnipotence. |