

**Worldwide:** please use the online downloads without charge.

In **North America:** please write for a printed copy sent postage paid and without charge.

Chapel Library does not necessarily agree with all the doctrinal positions of the authors it publishes.

We do not ask for donations, send promotional mailings, or share mailing lists.

© Copyright 2008 · Foundation for Reformed Theology · 4103 Monument Ave  
Richmond, Virginia 23230 · www.foundationrt.org · *Reprinted by permission*

# READ CALVIN'S INSTITUTES IN A YEAR

John Calvin completed the *Institutes of the Christian Religion* in 1559 during the height of the Reformation, giving one of the greatest articulations of the faith in the history of Christ's church. We invite you to read this entire work in a year. The following suggested schedule is based on John Calvin, *Calvin: Institutes of the Christian Religion*, translated from the 1559 Latin edition by Ford Lewis Battles, 2 volumes, in *Library of Christian Classics*, ed. John T. McNeill (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1960). It can also be used with the Beveridge translation (1845).

*The middle column notation is book, chapter, and section in the Institutes.*

*The right column in parentheses is volume and page number of the Battles 1960 edition.*

## Preliminaries

Institutes	Battles
Bk.Chp.Sec.	Volume/Page

Wk.1	Day 1	To Reader	(1.3-8)
	Day 2	Prefatory 1-2	(1.9-14)
	Day 3	Prefatory 3-4	(1.14-23)
	Day 4	Prefatory 5-6	(1.23-27)
	Day 5	Prefatory 7-8	(1.27-31)

## Book One

Wk.2	Day 1	1.1.1-2.1	(1.35-41)
	Day 2	1.2.2-3.3	(1.41-47)
	Day 3	1.4.1-5.1	(1.47-53)
	Day 4	1.5.2-5	(1.53-58)
	Day 5	1.5.6-11	(1.58-64)

Wk.3	Day 1	1.5.12-6.1	(1.64-71)
	Day 2	1.6.2-7.2	(1.71-76)
	Day 3	1.7.3-8.1	(1.76-82)
	Day 4	1.8.2-9	(1.83-89)
	Day 5	1.8.10-9.2	(1.89-95)

Wk.4	Day 1	1.9.3-11.1	(1.95-100)
	Day 2	1.11.2-6	(1.100-106)
	Day 3	1.11.7-12	(1.106-112)
	Day 4	1.11.13-12.2	(1.112-119)
	Day 5	1.12.3-13.3	(1.119-124)

Wk.5	Day 1	1.13.4-7	(1.124-130)
	Day 2	1.13.8-12	(1.130-136)
	Day 3	1.13.13-17	(1.136-142)
	Day 4	1.13.18-22	(1.142-148)
	Day 5	1.13.23-25	(1.149-154)

Wk.6	Day 1	1.13.26-29	(1.154-159)
	Day 2	1.14.1-5	(1.159-166)
	Day 3	1.14.6-11	(1.166-171)
	Day 4	1.14.12-18	(1.171-178)
	Day 5	1.14.19-22	(1.178-182)

Wk.7	Day 1	1.15.1-3	(1.183-189)
	Day 2	1.15.4-7	(1.189-195)
	Day 3	1.15.8-16.3	(1.195-201)
	Day 4	1.16.4-8	(1.201-208)
	Day 5	1.16.9-17.2	(1.208-214)

Wk.8	Day 1	1.17.3-7	(1.214-220)
	Day 2	1.17.8-12	(1.220-226)
	Day 3	1.17.13-18.2	(1.227-232)
	Day 4	1.18.3-4	(1.232-237)

## Book Two

Day 5	2.1.1-4	(1.241-246)
-------	---------	-------------

Wk.9	Day 1	2.1.5-8	(1.246-252)	Wk.19	Day 1	3.2.7-10	(1.549-555)
	Day 2	2.1.9-2.3	(1.252-258)		Day 2	3.2.11-15	(1.555-561)
	Day 3	2.2.4-7	(1.258-264)		Day 3	3.2.16-21	(1.561-567)
	Day 4	2.2.8-11	(1.265-270)		Day 4	3.2.22-27	(1.568-573)
	Day 5	2.2.12-17	(1.270-277)		Day 5	3.2.28-31	(1.573-579)
Wk.10	Day 1	2.2.18-23	(1.277-283)	Wk.20	Day 1	3.2.32-37	(1.579-584)
	Day 2	2.2.24-27	(1.283-289)		Day 2	3.2.38-42	(1.585-591)
	Day 3	2.3.1-4	(1.289-294)		Day 3	3.2.43-3.4	(1.591-597)
	Day 4	2.3.5-9	(1.294-303)		Day 4	3.3.5-10	(1.597-603)
	Day 5	2.3.10-14	(1.303-309)		Day 5	3.3.11-15	(1.603-609)
Wk.11	Day 1	2.4.1-6	(1.309-315)	Wk.21	Day 1	3.3.16-20	(1.609-615)
	Day 2	2.4.7-5.3	(1.315-320)		Day 2	3.3.21-25	(1.615-621)
	Day 3	2.5.4-8	(1.320-326)		Day 3	3.4.1-4	(1.622-628)
	Day 4	2.5.9-12	(1.326-332)		Day 4	3.4.5-9	(1.628-634)
	Day 5	2.5.13-17	(1.332-338)			<i>(week of Memorial Day in USA)</i>	
Wk.12	Day 1	2.5.18-6.2	(1.338-345)	Wk.22	Day 1	3.4.10-15	(1.634-641)
	Day 2	2.6.3-7.1	(1.345-350)		Day 2	3.4.16-20	(1.641-647)
	Day 3	2.7.2-7	(1.350-356)		Day 3	3.4.21-26	(1.647-653)
	Day 4	2.7.8-13	(1.356-362)		Day 4	3.4.27-31	(1.653-659)
	Day 5	2.7.14-8.1	(1.362-368)		Day 5	3.4.32-35	(1.660-665)
Wk.13	Day 1	2.8.2-7	(1.369-374)	Wk.23	Day 1	3.4.36-5.2	(1.666-672)
	Day 2	2.8.8-14	(1.374-380)		Day 2	3.5.3-8	(1.672-679)
	Day 3	2.8.15-19	(1.380-386)		Day 3	3.5.9-6.1	(1.679-685)
	Day 4	2.8.20-26	(1.386-393)		Day 4	3.6.2-7.2	(1.685-692)
	Day 5	2.8.27-32	(1.393-398)		Day 5	3.7.3-7	(1.692-698)
Wk.14	Day 1	2.8.33-38	(1.398-404)	Wk.24	Day 1	3.7.8-8.3	(1.698-704)
	Day 2	2.8.39-46	(1.404-411)		Day 2	3.8.4-10	(1.704-711)
	Day 3	2.8.47-52	(1.411-416)		Day 3	3.8.11-9.4	(1.711-717)
	Day 4	2.8.53-59	(1.416-423)		Day 4	3.9.5-10.4	(1.717-723)
	Day 5	2.9.1-5	(1.423-428)		Day 5	3.10.5-11.4	(1.723-729)
Wk.15	Day 1	2.10.1-7	(1.428-434)	Wk.25	Day 1	3.11.5-8	(1.729-735)
	Day 2	2.10.8-13	(1.434-441)		Day 2	3.11.9-11	(1.735-741)
	Day 3	2.10.14-20	(1.441-447)		Day 3	3.11.12-17	(1.741-747)
	Day 4	2.10.21-11.3	(1.447-453)		Day 4	3.11.18-23	(1.747-754)
	Day 5	2.11.4-9	(1.453-459)		Day 5	3.12.1-5	(1.754-760)
Wk.16	Day 1	2.11.10-14	(1.459-464)	Wk.26	Day 1	3.12.6-13.3	(1.760-766)
	Day 2	2.12.1-5	(1.464-470)		Day 2	3.13.4-14.5	(1.766-772)
	Day 3	2.12.6-13.1	(1.470-476)		Day 3	3.14.6-11	(1.772-779)
	Day 4	2.13.2-4	(1.476-481)		Day 4	3.14.12-18	(1.779-785)
	Day 5	2.14.1-4	(1.482-487)			<i>(week of Independence Day in USA)</i>	
Wk.17	Day 1	2.14.5-8	(1.487-493)	Wk.27	Day 1	3.14.19-15.3	(1.785-791)
	Day 2	2.15.1-4	(1.494-499)		Day 2	3.15.4-8	(1.791-797)
	Day 3	2.15.5-16.2	(1.499-505)		Day 3	3.16.1-4	(1.797-802)
	Day 4	2.16.3-6	(1.505-511)		Day 4	3.17.1-5	(1.802-808)
	Day 5	2.16.7-11	(1.511-517)		Day 5	3.17.6-10	(1.808-814)
Wk.18	Day 1	2.16.12-14	(1.517-523)	Wk.28	Day 1	3.17.11-15	(1.814-820)
	Day 2	2.16.15-19	(1.523-528)		Day 2	3.18.1-5	(1.820-827)
	Day 3	2.17.1-6	(1.528-534)		Day 3	3.18.6-10	(1.827-833)
					Day 4	3.19.1-7	(1.833-839)
					Day 5	3.19.8-12	(1.839-845)
				Wk.29	Day 1	3.19.13-16	(1.845-849)
	Day 4	3.1.1-4	(1.537-542)		Day 2	3.20.1-5	(2.850-856)
	Day 5	3.2.1-6	(1.542-549)		Day 3	3.20.6-10	(2.856-862)

### Book Three



Day 2	4.20.8-11	(2.1493-1500)
Day 3	4.20.12-18	(2.1500-1507)
Day 4	4.20.19-26	(2.1507-1514)
Day 5	4.20.27-32	(2.1514-1521)

*May God Be Praised!*