

- a. The Patriots
- b. The Libertines
- 3. Calvin's health difficulties
- 4. The Servetus affair
 - a. General remarks
 - b. Calvin's first meeting with Servetus, 1534
- 5. Considerations regarding case of Servetus
 - a. Not passive opponent but very active one
 - b. Calvin does not originate idea of punishing heresy
 - c. All other Protestant leaders agree with decision to burn Servetus
 - d. Calvin not a judge nor an official
 - e. Calvin opposes decision to burn Servetus
 - f. Present widespread idea that preservation of human life, even that of murderer, is more important than anything else, has no Scriptural or reasonable basis
 - g. Destruction of human souls is far worse than destruction of human bodies
 - h. Idea of almost complete freedom of speech that has developed in last three centuries is a comparatively recent development unknown in Reformation times, and seldom thought of in any previous period
 - j. This idea has great advantages as well as great dangers
- J. Calvin's last years, 1555-1564
 - 1. Enemies defeated after Servetus business
 - 2. Acceptance of refugees into Genevan citizenship
 - 3. Founding of the Academy
 - 4. Calvin interested in progress of gospel throughout Europe
 - 5. Death
- K. Conclusions
 - 1. Accomplishments
 - a. A system of church government
 - b. Sound exegesis