

**Calvin's Wisdom** by J. Graham Miller, *The Banner of Truth Trust, Carlisle, PA:*  
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## **1. Calvin's Commentaries, Preachworthy**

During many years in the ministry in New Zealand and Australia I found my final court of appeal on difficult textual questions in Calvin's Commentaries. His material was preachworthy, practical, profound. (Prologue XXVII)

## **2. Retirement Reading of Calvin's Commentaries**

Then came retirement in my sixty-seventh year. By 1986 I had completed the disciplined reading of all fifty-five volumes inherited from father, easily the most rewarding and enduring experience of my life. I follow my system of recording the fruits of this reading. (Prolog XXVII)

## **3. Israel's Efficiency was Restricted**

Although [Israel's] adoption always stood firm, still its efficacy was restricted to the elect part of them, so that God, without breaking his covenant, might reject the general body. *Four Last Bks of Moses IV:340.* (Page 2)

## **4. God Desires Obedience to Him**

God has adopted [the godly] on the condition of directing themselves and their whole life to obedience to him. *Is. III:284.* (Page 2)

## **5. A Prayer of Calvin**

[A prayer of Calvin] Grant . . . that certain testimony to our gratuitous adoption may appear in our life . . . that we may so prove ourselves to be sons . . . *Ezek. I:240.* (Page 3)

## **6. Afflictions**

The disciple of Christ must walk among thorns, and march to the cross amidst uninterrupted afflictions. *Harmony of Gosp. I:388.* (Page 3)

## **7. Afflictions Intended for Our Good**

When visited with affliction, it is of great importance that we should consider it as coming from God, and as expressly intended for our good. *Ps. II:472.* (Page 3)

## **8. Momentary Afflictions of the Church**

[*On Is.:54:8*] The afflictions of the Church are always momentary, when we raise our eyes to its eternal happiness. *Is. IV:141*. (Page 4)

## **9. Afflictions Are Not Evil**

Afflictions are not evil, because they have glory annexed to them . . . We are not afflicted by chance, but through the infallible providence of God. *Gen. Epp. 43*. (Page 4)

## **10. Affliction Should Not Disturb Us.**

There is nothing in afflictions that which ought to disturb our joy. *Gen. Epp 279*. (Page 4)

## **11. Limits for Allegories**

Allegories ought to be extended no further than they are supported by the authority of Scripture; for they are far from affording of themselves a sufficient foundation for any doctrines. *Inst. II:v.19*. (Page 4)

## **12. We Should Confess Our Ignorance not Indulge in Frivolous Conjectures**

[The Tabernacle] It was by no means the intention of God to include mysteries in every hook and loop . . . It is better to confess our ignorance than to indulge ourselves in frivolous conjectures. *Four Last Bks. Of Moses II:172*. (Page 4)

## **13. Teachers Dread Ambition**

Teachers [ministers] have no plague more to be dreaded than ambition. *Syn Gosp I:269*. (Page 5)

## **14. The Office of Teacher**

No man can faithfully discharge the office of teacher in the Church, unless he be void of ambition, and resolve to make it his sole object to promote . . . the glory of God. *John I:292*. (Page 6)

## **15. The Guardianship of Angels**

[On Matt. 4:6] That guardianship of angels . . . is only promised to the children of God, when they keep themselves within their bounds, and walk in their ways. *Syn. Gosp. 1:219* (Page 7)

## **16. Antichrist**

The name Antichrist does not designate a single individual, but a single kingdom, which extends throughout many generations. *II Thess. 403, 404* (Page 7)

## **17. We Possess Heaven**

Since [Christ] entered [heaven] in our own nature, and as it were in our names, . . . we not only hope for heaven, but already possess it in our Head. *Inst. II:xvi.i6.* (Page 10)

## **18. To Attain Salvation, Begin with Assurance**

In order to attain an assurance of our salvation we ought to begin with the word, and . . . with it our confidence ought to be satisfied, so as to call upon God as our Father. *Inst. II:XXIV.3* (Page 10)

## **19. God's Word Cheers the Heart of Believers**

It is the word of God alone which can first and effectually cheer the heart of the sinner. There is no true or solid peace to be enjoyed in the world except in the way of reposing upon the promises of God. *Ps. II:295* (Page 10)

## **20. God's Word Exceeds All Knowledge**

The certainty which rests on God's word exceeds all knowledge. *Zech.-Mal. 73.* (Page 11)

## **21. Men Seeking to Obscure Election**

Those men who at this day obscure, and seek, as far as they can, to extinguish the doctrine of election, are enemies to the human race; for they strive their utmost to subvert every assurance of salvation. *Zech.-Mal. 84, 85.* (Page 11)

## **22. Faith Depends on Grace of Christ**

The certainty of faith depends on the grace of Christ alone . . . For God is not known by a naked imagination, since he reveals himself inwardly to our hearts by the Spirit. *Gen. Epp. 175.* (Page 12)

## **23. Christ Wiped Off Our Transgressions**

By [Christ's] obedience, he has wiped off our transgressions; by his sacrifice, appeased the divine anger; by his blood, washed away our stains; by his cross, borne our curse; and by his death, made satisfaction for us. "Calvin's Reply to Cardinal Sadoleto" *Tracts 1:42.* (Page 12)

## **24. Church Authority to be Subject to God's Law**

Whatever authority is exercised in the Church ought to be subjected to this rule — that God's law is to retain its own preeminence, and that men blend nothing of their own, but only define what is right according to the Word of the Lord. *Hab-Hagg. 368,369.* (Page 13)

## **25. Christian Faith Must be Engraved on Our Hearts**

A soul, . . . when deprived of the word of God, is given up unarmed to the devil for destruction. Now then, will not the first machination of the enemy be to wrest the sword from the soldier of Christ? And what the method of wresting it, but to set him a doubting whether it be the word of the Lord that he is leaning upon, or the word of man? Christian faith must not be founded on human testimony, not propped up by doubtful opinion, not reclined on human authority, but engraven on our hearts by the finger of the living God, so as not to be obliterated by any coloring of error. [Calvin's Reply to Sadoleto] *Tracts 1-53* (Page 13-14)

## **26. We Shall Depend Wholly on God's Word**

[On Is. 8:20, 'To the law and to the testimony . . .'] Everything which is added to the word must be condemned and rejected. It is the will of the Lord that we shall depend wholly on his word, and that our knowledge shall be confined within its limits . . . Everything that is introduced by men on their own authority will be nothing else than a corruption of the word. *Is. 1:290.* (Page 14)

## **27. We Must Rely on God's Word Only**

We may allow ourselves to be taught by the **pure word of God**, and, relying on his authority, may freely and boldly condemn all that the world applauds and admires. *Is. Il:76*. (Page 14)

## **28. The Church Must be Guided by God**

The Church cannot follow God as its guide, except it observes what the word prescribes. *Gen. Epp. 388*. (Page 14)

## **29. The Faithful Follow God's Word**

The faithful, inwardly illuminated by the **Holy Spirit**, acknowledge nothing but what God says in his word. *Gen. Epp. 390* (Page 14)

## **30. Don't Throw Away Your Spears**

We see how many there are every day, that throw away their spears, who formerly made a great show of valour. *Past. Epp. 210*. (Page 15)

## **31. Definition of Baptism**

Baptism - a pledge of eternal life before God . . . an outward sign of faith before men. *Syn. Gosp. 385* (Page 16)

## **32. Infant Baptism**

To this end doth Christ admit infants by baptism, that as soon as the capacity of their age shall suffer, they may addict themselves to be his disciples, and that being baptized with the Holy Ghost, they may comprehend, with the understanding of faith, his power which baptism doth prefigure. *Acts I:364* (Page 18)

## **33. Every Addition to His Word is a Lie**

Every addition to His word . . . is a lie. [Necessity of Reforming the Church] *Tracts 1:129*. (Page 19)

## **34. We Ought to Embrace With Gentle Docility**

Our wisdom ought to consist in embracing with gentle docility, and without any exception, all that is delivered in the sacred Scriptures. *Inst. I:xviii.4*. (Page 19)

### **35. Scripture Speaks in Plainest Manner**

The Scripture, in consideration of the ignorance and dullness of the human understanding, generally speaks in the plainest manner. *Inst. I:xi.i* (Page 19)

### **36. God's Word May Not be Pleasant**

His word is ever good and right, though it may not be pleasant. *Jer. IV:248* (Page 21)

### **37. Spirit is Superior to All Reason**

The testimony of the Spirit is superior to all reason . . . The word will never gain credit in the hearts of men, till it be confirmed by the internal testimony of the Spirit. *Inst. I:vii.4.* (Page 22)

### **38. We Must Feed on God's Doctrine Daily**

God grants to us the taste of his heavenly doctrine on the express condition, that we feed on it abundantly from day to day. *Syn. Gosp. II:105* (Page 29)

### **39. Feed on the Divine Law Daily**

It is meditation upon the Divine Law which furnishes us with armor to resist. *Ps. I:283* (Page 29)

### **40. God's Service, Upright Heart**

The chief part of the service of God . . . to have a pure and upright heart. *Is. 1V:346.* (Page 34)

### **41. What Makes a Christian?**

It is integrity of heart before God, and uprightness before men, that makes a Christian. *John I:78.* (Page 34)

### **42. Christ the Temple**

Christ is the temple of Godhead. *Zech.-Mal.75.* (Page 40)

### **43. Christ the Ladder**

Christ is the ladder by which we ascend to God the Father. *Syn. Gosp. I:436.* (Page 41)

#### **44. The Whole Gospel Christ**

The whole gospel is contained in Christ. *Rom. 15* (Page 41)

#### **45. Christ is the All in All**

Christ is the beginning, middle and end . . . nothing is, or can be found, apart from him. *Col. 146* (Page 41)

#### **46. Christ is Salvation**

There is nothing necessary for salvation which faith finds not in Christ. *Gen. Epp. 244.* (Page 41)

#### **47. Christ the Light**

Christ, the only light of truth, the soul of the law, the end of all the prophets. *Is. II:322* (Page 42)

#### **48. Salvation, Doctrine of the Cross**

Our salvation consists in the doctrine of the cross (I Cor 1:23). *Syn. Gosp. III:274, 275.* (Page 44)

#### **49. We May Stand Before God Boldly**

The Son of God stood, as a criminal, before a mortal man . . . that we may stand boldly before God. *Syn. Gosp. III:275* (Page 44)

#### **50. God Clothed Us with Righteousness through Christ**

God determined that his own Son should be stripped of his raiment, that we, clothed with his righteousness . . . may appear with boldness in company with the angels. *Syn. Gosp. III:298.* (Page 44)

#### **51. Christ Enriched Us with His Victory**

Christ . . . permitted his garments to be torn in pieces like a prey, that he might enrich us with the riches of his victory. *Syn. Gosp. III: 298, 299.* (Page 44)

## **52. Christ's Death—The Light of the World**

The death of Christ became the life of the world . . . He died on earth, but the virtue and efficacy of his death proceeded from heaven. *Heb. 180,182.* (Page 45)

## **53. Kingdom of God—Christ Purchased**

The kingdom of God is grounded and contained in the knowledge of the redemption purchased by Christ. *Acts II: 431.* (Page 49)

## **54. The Church of God**

Wherever we find the word of God purely preached and heard, and the sacraments administered according to the institution of Christ, there . . . is a Church of God. *Inst. IV:i.9* (Page 54)

## **55. The Safety of the Church**

There are three things on which the safety of the Church is founded, namely, doctrine, discipline and the sacraments. [Calvin's Reply to Sadoleto] *Tracts I:38.* (Page 54)

## **56. The Church Maintains the Truth**

The Church maintains the truth, because by preaching the Church proclaims it. *Past. Epp. 91.* (Page 54)

## **57. God Trains His Church**

[On 1 Cor. 3:13] God will have his Church trained up by the pure preaching of his own word, not by the contrivances of men. *Cor. I:137.* (Page 55)

## **58. The Church Is Precious to God**

The salvation of his Church is so precious in the sight of God, that he regards the wrong done to the faithful as done to himself. *Jer. V:146.* (Page 58)

## **59. When Anyone Struggles He Is Strengthened by the Lord**

[On Mic. 3:8] When anyone is drawn into arduous and difficult struggles, he is at the same time especially strengthened by the Lord. *Jon. -Nah. 232.* (Page 63)

## **60. Peace is Plausible and Sweet**

The name of peace is plausible and sweet, but cursed is that peace which is purchased with so great a loss, that we suffer the doctrine of Christ to perish. *Acts II:38*. (Page 64)

## **61. Faith Grounded in the Word of God**

Faith can be grounded nowhere else than in the word of the Lord, so we must only stand to the testimony thereof in all controversies. *Acts II:130*. (Page 64)

## **62. Discord & Disagreement Satan's Tools**

Satan knoweth that nothing is more fit to lay waste the kingdom of Christ, than discord and disagreement among the faithful. *Acts II:276*. (Page 64)

## **63. God Desires Unity in His Servants**

[On Rom. 15:6] God sets so high a store on the unity of His servants, that He will not allow His glory to be sounded amid discord and controversy. *Rom. 306*. (Page 64)

## **64. Conversion**

Conversion . . . is a mark of God's free favour. *Syn. Gosp. II:109*. (Page 66)

## **65. God Desired Obedience to Him**

When God designs to forgive us, he changes our hearts and turns us to obedience by his Spirit. *Zech.-Mal. 216*. (Page 66)

## **66. Sinners are at War with God**

It is a true conversion when men seriously acknowledge that they are at war with God, and that he is their enemy until they are reconciled; for except a sinner sets himself in a manner before God's tribunal, he is never touched by a true feeling of repentance. *Zech.-Mal. 364* (Page 66)

## **67. No Courage in Man without God's Word**

There can be no courage in men, unless God supports them by his word. *Zech.-Mal. 204*. (Page 69)

## **68. Courage in Doctrine of Godliness**

[Of Stephen, in Acts 7] Courage in defending the doctrine of godliness is a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God. *Acts I:312* (Page 69)

## **69. Invincible Courage Is the Favor of God**

The invincible courage which overcomes all temptations resides in the fatherly favour of God. *Rom. 183* (Page 69)

## **70. Peace is Purchased by Truth**

We are all agreed that peace is not to be purchased by the sacrifice of truth. *Tracts II:222*. (Page 82)

## **71. Nothing Is More to Be Dreaded than We Go Astray in Darkness**

Nothing is more to be dreaded, than that the Lord should extinguish the light of sound doctrine, and suffer us to go astray in darkness. *Joel-Obad. 270* (Page 82)

## **72. Doctrine Is to be Taught to All Believers**

The use of doctrine is, not only to initiate the ignorant in the knowledge of Christ, but also to confirm those more and more who have been already taught. *Gen. Epp. 264* (Page 83)

## **73. God Must Reveal Doctrine**

No doctrine is to be allowed, except what he himself has revealed. *Zech.-Mal. 532* (Page 83)

## **74. The Truth of God's Word**

[On Mic. 4:2] The truth of God is not . . . speculative, but full of energizing power. *Mic.-Nah. 258*. (Page 84)

## **75. Doctrine is Useless until God Engraves it**

Any doctrine is useless until God engraves it with his finger on our hearts. *Thess. 379*. (Page 85)

## **76. No Word, No Faith**

Take away the word . . . and there will be no faith left. *Inst. III:ii.6.* (Page 100)

## **77. Faith to Acquiesce in God's Word**

There is no place for faith if we expect God to fulfill immediately what he promises. It is . . . the trial of faith to **acquiesce** in God's word . . . We have no faith except we are satisfied with God's word alone. *Hab.-Hagg. 68* (Page 101).

## **78. Faith Brings Peace with God**

Faith ever brings us peace with God . . . because the will of God alone is sufficient to appease our minds. *Jer. I:342.* (Page 104)

## **79. Free Will Assisted by Grace**

Man is not possessed of free will for good works, unless he be assisted by grace, and that special grace which is bestowed on the elect alone, in regeneration. *Inst. II:ii.6* (Page 120)

## **80. Man's Heart Must be Changed by God**

Men by their own free will cannot turn to God, until he first change their stony hearts into hearts of flesh. *Ps. III:324* (Page 120)

## **81. Freewill Assents to God Calling**

Freewill assents to God calling and exciting it . . . [God] acts within, holds our hearts, moves our hearts, and draws us by the inclinations which he has produced in us. [Antidote to the Council of Trent] *Tracts III:147,148.* (Page 121)

## **82. Man Returns to God**

The Papists, . . . speaking of repentance, hold that man, through his own free will, returns to God; and on this point is our greatest contest with them at this day. *Jer. IV:102.* (Page 121)

## **83. Gospel, Glad and Delightful Message of Faith**

Gospel (*euangelion*) means 'the glad and delightful message of grace exhibited to us in Christ.' *John I:20* (Page 131)

#### **84. Gospel, Repentance & Faith**

The gospel contains nothing else than repentance and faith. *Ezek. II:174* (Page 131)

#### **85. Law, to Invite Men to the Law**

[On Is. 55:19] The principal end and use of the law [is] to invite men to God. *Is. III:421*

#### **86. Gospel Understood by Faith Alone**

The gospel can be understood by faith alone — not by reason, nor by the perspicacity of the human understanding. *Philipp.-Col. 174.* (131)

#### **87. Other Gospel, Inventions of Men**

By *another gospel* [Paul] means one to which the inventions of other men are added. *Gal. 34.* (Page 132)

#### **88. Law Needs a Sword**

Without the sword laws are dead. *Syn. Gosp. 1:195* (132)

#### **89. Men Follow Christ Willingly & Voluntarily**

The peculiar government of God is that of his Church only, where, by his word and Spirit, he bends the hearts of men to obedience, so that they follow him voluntarily and willingly, being taught inwardly and outwardly – inwardly by the influence of his Spirit; outwardly by the preaching of the word (Ps. 90). *Jon.-Nah. 261.* (Page 132)

#### **90. Rest on the Word of God**

[On Rom. 14:23] The first principle . . . of upright living . . . is to rest with confidence on the Word of God, and go wherever it calls us. *Rom. 302.* (Page 135)

#### **91. God Is Bound by No Law**

Whenever . . . the day of the Lord is mentioned in Scripture, let us know that God is bound by no laws, that he should hasten his work according to our hasty wishes; but the specific time is in his own power, and at his own will. *Zech.-Mal. 616.* (Page 189)

## **92. Law, Three Parts, Law, Threatenings and Covenant of Grace**

The Law consists chiefly of three parts: first, the doctrine of life; secondly, threatenings and promises; thirdly, the covenant of grace. *I.xxvi.* (Page 189)

## **93. The Law for the Beginning of Repentance**

The Law avails, not only for the beginning of repentance, but also for our continual progress. *Gen. I:482.* (Page 190)

## **94. The Purpose of the Law to Cite Consciences to the Judgment Seat**

The Law was given to cite slumbering consciences to the judgment-seat, that, through fear of eternal death, they might flee for refuge to God's mercy. *Four Last Bks of Moses I:327.* (Page 190)

## **95. The Principal End of the Law, to Invite Men to God**

[On Is. 45:19] The principal end and use of the Law, to invite men to God. *Is. III:421.* (Page 191)

## **96. The Intermediate State of the Church**

[On Dan. 7:27] This vision ought not to be explained of the final advent of Christ, but of the intermediate state of the Church. The saints began to reign under heaven, when Christ ushered in his kingdom by the promulgation of his Gospel. *Dan. II:75.* (Page 208)

## **97. God's Purpose**

It was not at random that the doctrine of the Gospel was preached to all nations, but by the decree of God, by whom it had been long ago ordained. *Is. III:425.* (Page 219)

## **98. God Designed the Church**

[On Mic. 4:2. God] designed that the whole world should be subject to [Christ] *Jon.-Nah. 253.* (Page 219)

## **99. Bow to the Authority of God**

There is nothing which we ought to desire more earnestly than that the whole world should bow to the authority of God. *Is. IV:286.* (Page 221)

## **100. Our Wishes that God Would Collect Churches from All Nations**

It ought to be the great object of our daily wishes, that God would collect churches for himself from all the countries of the earth, that he would enlarge their numbers, enrich them with gifts, and establish a legitimate order among them. *Inst. III:xx.42.* (Page 221)

## **101. The Effect of Christ's Cross**

The mortification of the flesh is the effect of the cross of Christ. *Gal. 169.* (Page 222)

## **102. Dead Flesh—Live Spirit**

The death of the flesh is the life of the Spirit. *Gal. 169.* (Page 222)

## **103. We Should Desire the Glory of God**

[On Is. 4:3] We are wont always to desire a multitude, and to estimate by it the prosperity of the Church. On the contrary, we should rather desire to be few in number, and that in all of us the glory of God may shine brightly. *Is. I:155.* (Page 225)

## **104. Obedience before Understanding**

Our faith begins with obedience . . . Obedience to God, goes before understanding. *Is. III:270.* (Page 226)

## **105. No Obedience without Faith**

There is no obedience without faith; and there is no faith without the word. *Is. IV:390,391.* (Page 226)

## **106. True Religion**

The basis of true religion is obedience. *Jer. I:395.* (Page 226)

## **107. Faith & Obedience**

We cannot rely on his promises, without obeying his commandments. *Syn. Gosp. I:219.* (Page 226)

## **108. Old Age**

Old age has this among other evils, that it renders men more indolent and morose. *Gen. I:268*. (Page 229)

## **109. The Shorter Life the More Diligent We Should Be**

The shorter the term of life [that] remains to us, the more diligent ought we to be in executing our office. *Gen. Epp. 379*. (Page 229)

## **110. Proof from Scripture Applies Correctly to the Subject**

Whenever any proof from Scripture is quoted by the apostles, though they do not translate word for word, and sometimes depart widely from the language, yet it is applied correctly and appropriately to their subject. *Syn. Gosp. 1:133*. (Page 232)

## **111. Christ's Kingdom Shall Never be at Rest**

[On Heb. 1:13] These two things, then, ought to be borne in mind, – that the kingdom of Christ shall never in this world be at rest, but that there will be many enemies by whom it will be disturbed; and secondly, that whatever its enemies may do, they shall never prevail. *Heb. 49*. (Page 233)

## **112. Patience is Fruit of Faith**

Patience is the fruit and proof of faith. *Thess. 388* (Page 235)

## **113. God Keeps Our Affections under Restraint**

God will not only keep our affections under restraint by his commandments, but will also train them to patience by his promises. *Ps. I:240*. (Page 235)

## **114. The Purity of Doctrine**

Purity of doctrine is preserved unimpaired in the world, and propagated by the ministry of pastors, whilst piety would soon decay if the living preaching of doctrine should cease. *Four Last Bks of Moses 11:230*. (Page 253)

## **115. Written Law, Living Word**

Though the Law was written, yet God would ever have the living voice to resound in His Church, just as now-a-days preaching is inseparably united with Scripture. *Four Last Bks of Moses 11:235*. (Page 253)

## **116. Scripture is Prevented When Used in an Obscure Manner**

The legitimate use of Scripture is perverted when it is enunciated in an obscure manner such as no one can understand. *Four Last Bks of Moses II:232*. (Page 257)

## **117. The Pure Preaching of His Word**

[On I Cor. 3:13, 'wood, hay and stubble'] God will have his Church trained up by the pure preaching of his own word, not by the contrivances of men. *Cor. I:137*. (Page 258)

## **118. Mankind, a Holy Knot**

Mankind is knit together with a holy knot. *Acts I:539*. (Page 279)

## **119. Human Race United By Fellowship**

The whole human race is united by a sacred bond of fellowship. *Syn. Gosp. III:6i*. Page 279)

## **120. Calvin's Modesty**

Some inconsiderable persons, taken from the common people, have been selected by [God] as his architects, to promote this work [of reformation] by pure doctrine. *Is. I:xxiii*. (Page 286)

## **121. Salvation Definition**

The efficient cause of eternal life being procured for us, was the mercy of our heavenly Father, and his gratuitous love towards us; . . . the material cause is Christ and his obedience, by which he obtained a righteousness for us . . . the formal and instrumental cause . . . faith . . . The final cause . . . both the demonstration of the Divine righteousness and the praise of the Divine goodness. *Inst. III:xiv.17* (Page 321).

## **122. The Source**

The cause of salvation . . . is the undeserved love of God. *Is. III:323*. (Page 321)

## **123. Salvation is Adoption**

The only cause of our salvation is adoption . . . This flows from the mere love of God alone. *Gen. Epp. 203*. (Page 322)

## **124. We Depend on God's Mercy Only**

Every part and particle of our salvation depends on God's mercy only. *Four Last Bks of Moses III:319.* (Page 322)

## **125. Our Doctrine Is the Cross**

Our salvation consists in the doctrine of the cross (*I Cor. 1:23*). *Syn. Gosp. III:274, 275.* (Page 322)

## **126. Jesus Christ is our Salvation**

We must seek all the parts of our salvation in Jesus Christ; for we shall not find a single drop of it anywhere else. [From a French sermon of Calvin's] *Past. Epp. 335 (fn.)* (Page 322)

## **127. Christ is the Only Asylum for Sin**

[On Heb. 11:6] A man, prostrate in himself, and smitten with the conviction that he deserves eternal death, and in self-despair, is to flee to Christ as the only asylum for salvation. *Heb. 272.* (Page 322)

## **128. Our Salvation is Christ's Death & Resurrection**

We ascribe our salvation partly to the death of Christ, and partly to his resurrection; we believe that sin was abolished, and death destroyed, by the former; that righteousness was restored, and life established, by the latter. *Inst. ILxvi.i3.* (Page 322.)

## **129. The Scope**

The doctrine of repentance ought always to accompany the promise of salvation. *Is. IV:166.* (Page 323)

## **130. The Preparation**

No one longs after Christ, unless he first abandons all confidence in his works, and rests all his hope of salvation in gratuitous pardon. *Four Last Bks of Moses 111:262.* (Page 323)

### **131. Times and Season**

[On I Thess. 5:1. Paul] now calls them back from a curious and unprofitable inquiry concerning *times* . . . Those who insist that divisions of time should be marked out for them . . . move from one uncertain position to another. *Thess. 367*. (Page 337)

### **133. Moral Power**

Our faith cannot stand otherwise than by looking to the coming of Christ. *Gen. Epp. 205*. (Page 337)

### **134. Study**

[On 2 Tim. 4:13, books and parchments] This passage gives to all believers a recommendation of constant reading, that they may profit by it. *Past. Epp. 266*. (Page 353)

### **135. Theology & Theologians**

All theology, when separated from Christ, is not only vain and confused, but is also mad, deceitful and spurious. *John 11:85*. (Page 361)

### **136. War**

War ought to be nothing else than an attempt to obtain peace. *Is. I:131*. (Page 375)

### **137. When Riches Hold the Heart, God has Lost His Authority**

Where riches hold the dominion of the heart, God has lost his authority . . . Covetousness makes us the slaves of the devil. *Syn. Gosp. I:337*. (Page 376)