

Soli Deo Gloria: The Final Cause of the Reformation
“Glory” in Calvin’s *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

I. What Was the Reformation “Cause”?

Visible concern
Doctrinal concern
Ultimate concern

II. God’s Glory versus Man’s Glory

Sublime doctrine
Humble messengers

III. Man’s Fall from Glory

General Revelation
Idolatry

IV. Man’s Need of Salvation

The Perfect Standard
Man’s Inability

V. A Glorious Salvation Provided

VI. Glory to God in All Things

Salvation Glorifies God Alone
The fundamental principle in salvation: who gets the glory for it?
God Accomplishes All of Salvation
Efficient cause of salvation
Material cause of salvation
Formal or instrumental cause of salvation
Final cause of salvation
Election Glorifies God
God’s Glorification of Believers