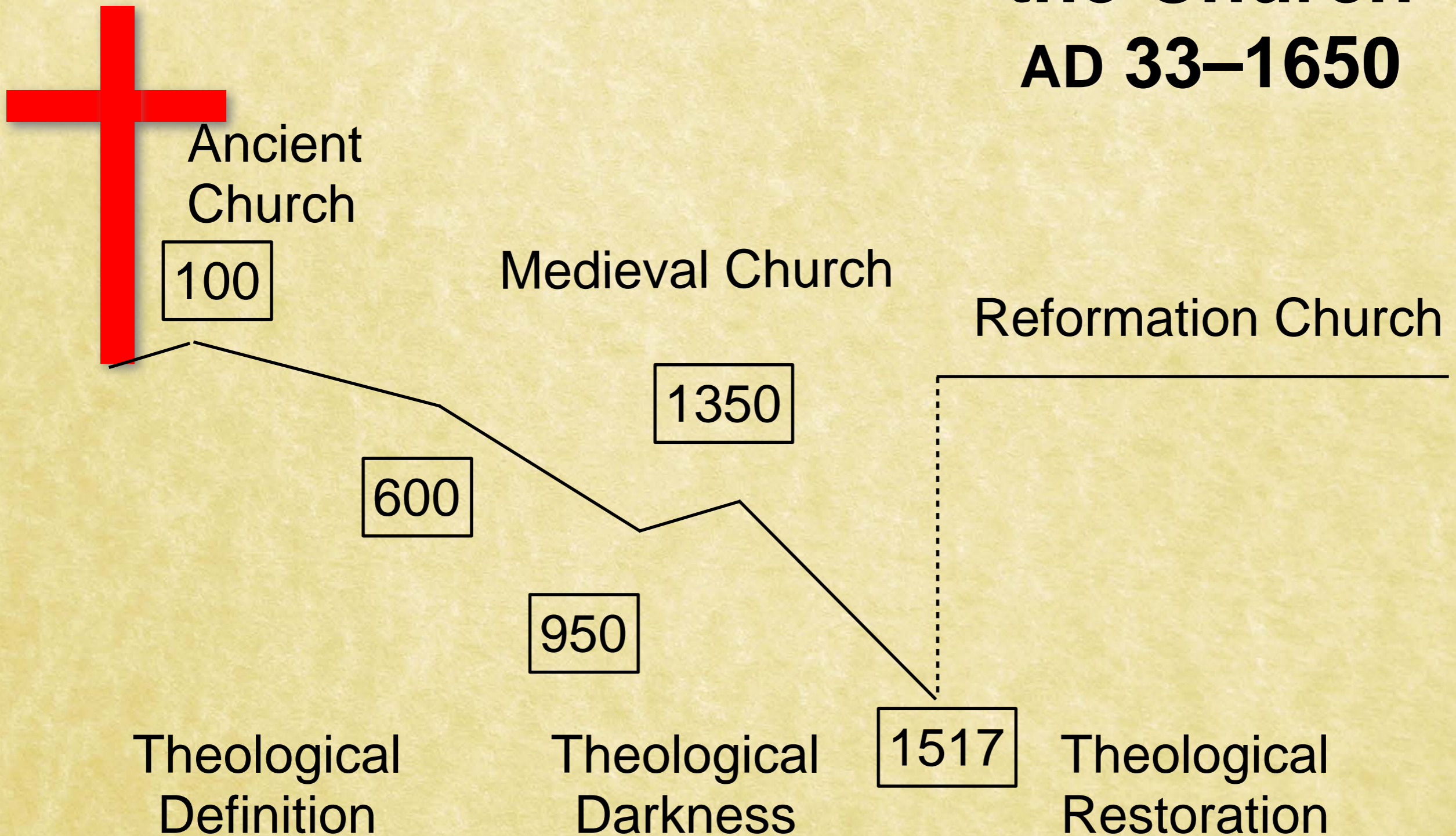


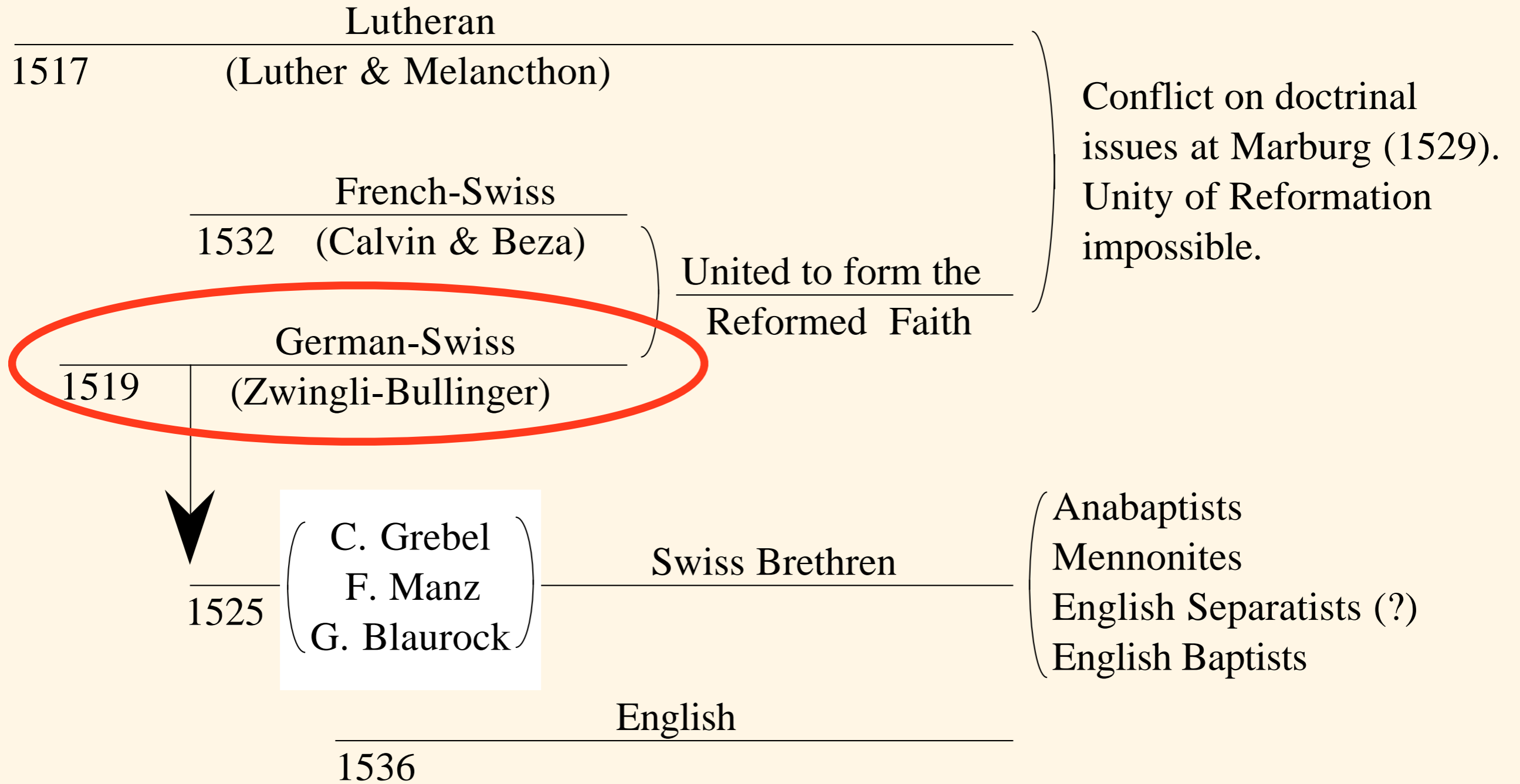
HT 501 Church History
Class 12; Lecture 1–2
Bullinger; French-Swiss Reformation
Part 1–2

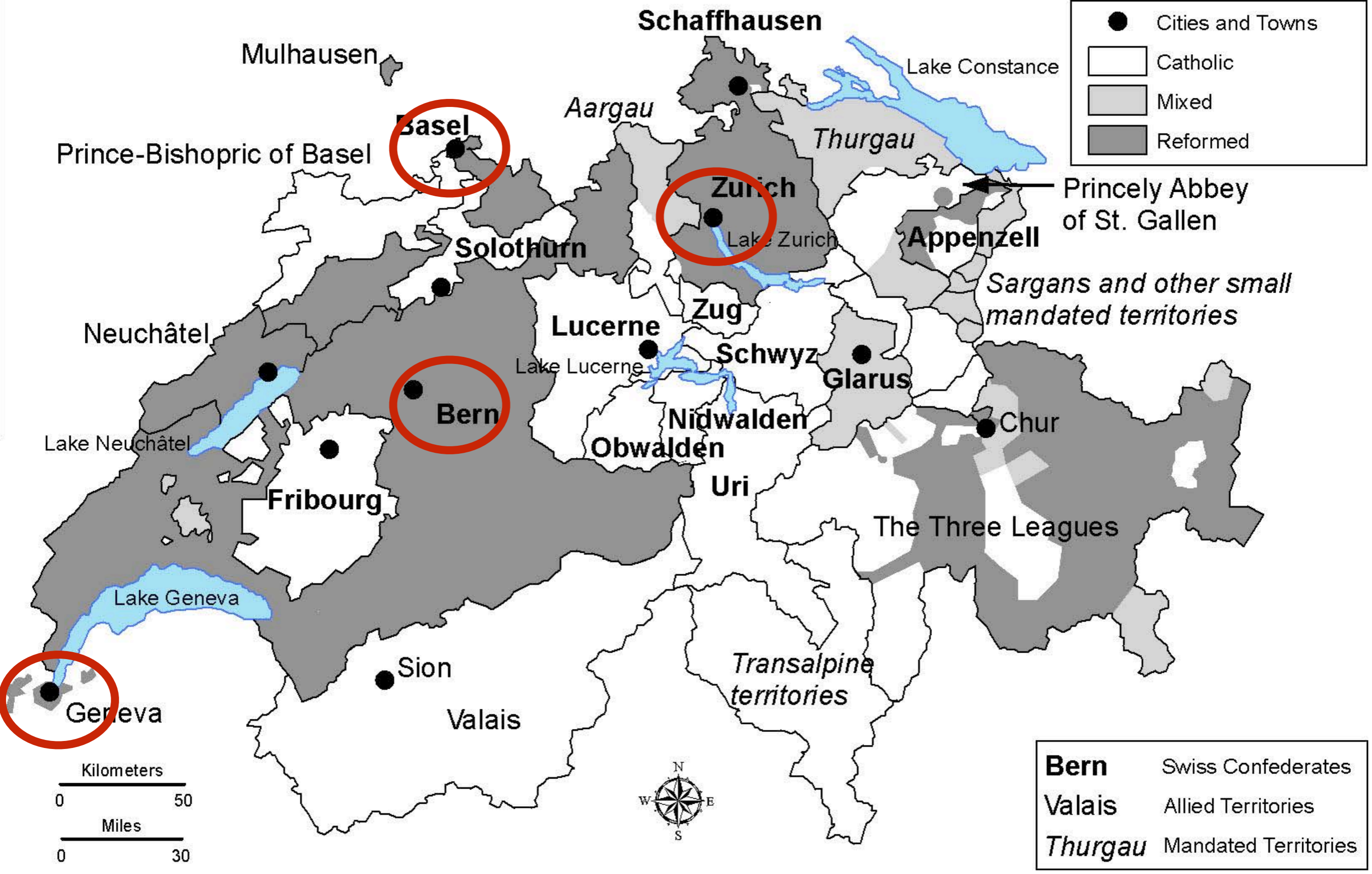
AD 1517–1569

The History of the Church AD 33–1650



MAJOR REFORMATION TRADITIONS





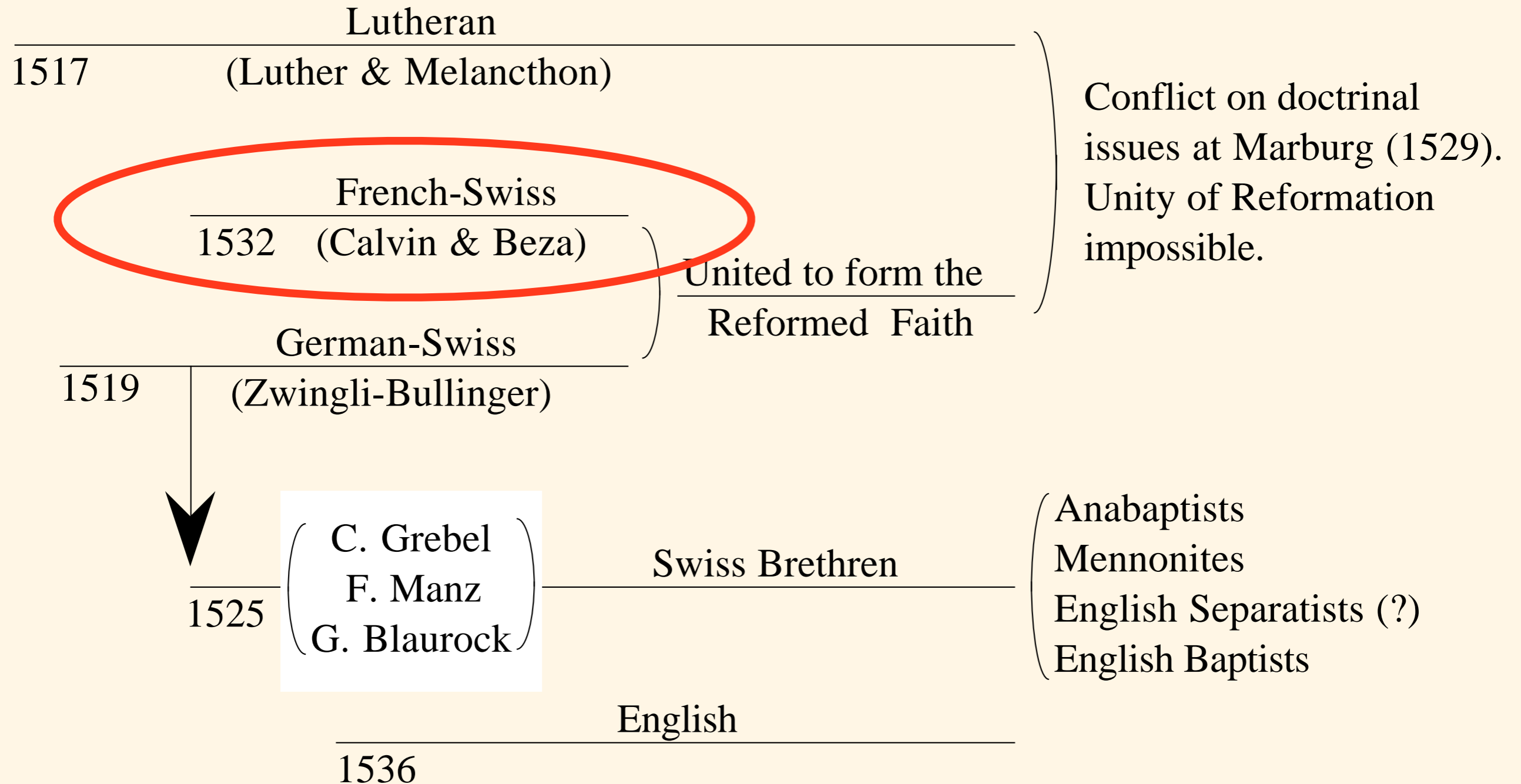
Grossmünster Kirche, Zurich



Johann Heinrich Bullinger (1504–75)



MAJOR REFORMATION TRADITIONS





**John Calvin (Jean Cauvin)
(1509–64)**



IACOBVS FABER *stapulensis.*
Barbariem immanem primus, Doctissime FABER,
Propulsas, artes restituisque bonas.
Te primum celebris vidit Iutetia quondam,
Sed tua te pietas expulit inde procul. *cum prius.*

Jaques Lefevre (ca 1455–1536)



**Marguerite of
Navarre (1492–1549)**

INSTITVTIO CHRISTIANAE

Religionis,

IOHANNE CALVINO AVTHORE.

Quae ad superiores editiones hanc postrema, omnium emendatissima
locupletissimaque, recens addita sunt, statim post ipsius
authoris Epistolam ad Regem Christianiss.
subiecta ad lectorem admonitio
breuiter indicat.



GENEVAE
Apud Iohannem le Preux.

M.D.XCII.

First Edition, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

- 1. The Law: how it condemns us of our sin, leads to a recognition of our sinfulness, and our need before God.**
- 2. Faith: discusses the Apostles' Creed, what Christians believe and what Christ did for us.**
- 3. Prayer: Discusses the Lord's Prayer.**
- 4. The two true sacraments: The Lord's Supper and baptism.**
- 5. Why the other five sacraments are false sacraments.**
- 6. Christian liberty and responsibility to serve God.**



**Idellette de Bure
(1540–1548)**

“Afterwards the Lord had pity on the City of Geneva and quieted the deadly conflicts there. I was compelled against my own will, to take again my former position. The safety of that church was far too important in my mind for me to refuse to meet even death for its sake. But my timidity kept suggesting to me excuses of every color for refusing to put my shoulder again under so heavy a burden. However, the demand of duty and faith at length conquered and I went back to the flock from which I had been driven away. With how much grief, with how many tears, and in how great anxiety I went, God is my best witness.”

—the organization of the church - The Ecclesiastical Ordinances

Michael Servetus



“Do not fail to rid the country of those zealous scoundrels who stir up the people to revolt against us. Such monsters should be exterminated, as I have exterminated Michael Servetus the Spaniard.”

~Calvin

“And what crime was it of mine if our Council at my exhortation ... took vengeance upon his execrable blasphemies?”

~Calvin

“When [Servetus] was asked what he had to say to me he replied that he desired to beg my pardon. Then I protested simply, and it is the truth, that I had never entertained any personal rancor against him. I reminded him gently how I had risked my life more than sixteen years ago to gain him for our Savior. If he would return to reason I would faithfully do my best to reconcile him to all good servants of God. And although he had avoided the contest I had never ceased to remonstrate with him kindly in letters. In a word I had used all humanity to the very end, until he being embittered by my good advice all manner of rage and anger against me. But I told him that I would pass over everything which concerned me personally. He should rather ask the pardon of God whom he had so basely blasphemed in his attempt to efface the three persons in the one essence, saying that those who recognize God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with a real distinction, created a three-headed hound of hell. I told him to beg the pardon of the Son of God, whom He had disfigured with his dreams, denying that he came in our flesh and was like us in His human nature, and so denying that He is a sole Redeemer. But when I saw that all this did no good I did not wish to be wiser than my Master allows. So following the rule of St. Paul, I withdrew from the heretic who was self-condemned from”

(Hunted Heretic: The Life and Death of Michael Servetus by Roland H. Bainton, 209–10).

Three central issues for evaluating the Servetus trial and verdict.

- 1. Evaluating on the basis of Scripture.**
- 2. Principle: never judge a previous generation or century on the basis of values and mores which are popular in a later generation or century and unknown or ignored in previous generations.**
- 3. Look to the primary sources.**

- **Servetus was clearly a heretic and under the laws of both Roman Catholic and Protestant states, heretics were to be burned at the stake.**
- **Servetus really aggravated the situation and pushed all of Calvin's buttons, which is true. He even attempted to bring heresy against Calvin.**
- **Servetus, had already been condemned by a Roman Catholic council in Vienna, which condemned him as a heretic to be burned at the stake.**
- **Calvin tried to intercede to have Servetus executed in a more humane way, by beheading.**
- **Calvin was not in charge in Geneva until 1555 and the Council was still free to ignore his advice and did.**

Final Form of *The Institutes*

Book 1 – God the Father,

Book 2 – God the Son,

Book 3 – the Holy Spirit, at least in terms of His work of creating faith in the hearts of men, and

Book 4 – on the church. And it's interesting that in that final form, that preferred form of *The Institutes*, Calvin discusses the doctrine of predestination in that third book in the section where he's discussing faith.