

Oliver D. Crisp

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[John] Calvin is often identified with his account of predestination. Yet that appears in the third book of his Institutes, not the first.

~Oliver D. Crisp

The confessions don't speak with one voice. They are more like a cluster of closely-related but distinct voices - a kind of choir, if you like.

~Oliver D. Crisp

There is no such thing as a stationary tradition. Traditions are always developing, living things.

~Oliver D. Crisp

[John] Calvin's Institutes is often called a summary of Christian piety. You can't say that about many modern works of theology. You can say it of Calvin.

~Oliver D. Crisp

I think everyone who has an interest in Reformed theology, or just in Christian theology more generally, should read John Calvin Institutes.

~Oliver D. Crisp

No confession is inerrant; Reformed Christians are supposed to be those who seek to be constantly reformed according to the Word of God - and that includes our confessions as well.

~Oliver D. Crisp

I don't really have a lot of interns, although I do now use Research Assistants to help me compile indexes when that is necessary.

~Oliver D. Crisp

[I'm often called a Deviant Calvinist] but that only goes to underline the point I'm trying to make about the need to broaden our account of the tradition!

~Oliver D. Crisp

How many people in the pews know that [Jonathan Edwards] is both a founder of evangelicalism and, say, an idealist who denied that the material world exists?

~Oliver D. Crisp

To my mind [Jonathan Edwards] is an interesting figure because he is both a canonical Reformed thinker, and yet also someone that pushed the envelope in a number of key areas of theology.

~Oliver D. Crisp

[Jonathan] Edwards is one of my heroes. I've learned much from him over the years.

~Oliver D. Crisp

Reading [John] Calvin is a breath of fresh air.

~Oliver D. Crisp

That is the great contribution of Reformed thinking to the Christian church: theology for a life well-lived.

~Oliver D. Crisp

One of the things we in the Reformed tradition are very good at is writing doctrinal theology!

~Oliver D. Crisp

[John Calvin's] Humanist training makes him an excellent writer. What is more, he is as relevant today as he was 500 years ago.

~Oliver D. Crisp

[John Calvin] writes clearly, directly, without artifice, and gets straight to the practical heart of the matter.

~Oliver D. Crisp

For those who have only ever read about [John] Calvin, reading the

man himself is an invigorating experience.

~Oliver D. Crisp

The book [Saving Calvinism] itself is not recommending that we move the borders, so to speak. It is recommending that we look at what lies within the confessional bounds of Reformed thought.

~Oliver D. Crisp

Reformed theology belongs to this confessional tradition, and Reformed theologians and churches continue to write confessions even today.

~Oliver D. Crisp

God shows us in Christ what he would have to do if he were to punish us for our sins.

~Oliver D. Crisp

We may think that our tradition is exactly the same as it has always been, but that is an illusion.

~Oliver D. Crisp

[Calvinistic tradition] has fashioned and shaped my thinking since I was a teenager.

~Oliver D. Crisp

The best Reformed theology isn't just about careful arguments for theologically sophisticated conclusions. It is about how to live the Christian life.

~Oliver D. Crisp

The atonement chapter [from the book Saving Calvinism] shows how there are real riches in Reformed theology that most Christians today have no idea about.

~Oliver D. Crisp

Now, don't get me wrong: I'm not rubbishing penal substitution. But there are other options that have been advocated by Reformed thinkers of the past.

~Oliver D. Crisp

Jonathan Edwards developed a Calvinistic strand of the doctrine.

~Oliver D. Crisp

Christ's work is a kind of deterrent to us, and a way of upholding the justice of God's divine government of the world.

~Oliver D. Crisp

In the chapter on the nature of the atonement [in the book *Saving Calvinism*] I argue that it is a mistake to think that penal substitution is the only option on the doctrine of atonement.

~Oliver D. Crisp

[Jonathan Edwards] he has to be engaged with on this issue if you're writing about Calvinism as I am in this book.

~Oliver D. Crisp

We are still living with the consequences of that today in popular Reformed thinking from the likes of John Piper, R. C. Sproul, and Tim Keller.

~Oliver D. Crisp

I'm sometimes asked about my productivity, which I find a bit embarrassing to be honest. I don't really have a particularly interesting answer to this question.

~Oliver D. Crisp

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