

Appendix A

The Structure of the 1559 *Institutes*:

- I. Knowledge of God the Creator (God)
- II. Knowledge of God the Redeemer (Christ)
- III. Way in Which We Receive the Grace of Christ (Holy Spirit)
- IV. External Means or Aids by Which God Invites Us into the Society of Christ and Holds Us Therein (Church)

Outline

- I. The Knowledge of God the Creator (Book 1)
 - A. Natural revelation: creation, providence (1, 1–5)
 - B. Special revelation: Bible (1, 6–9)
 1. God (1, 10–13)
 2. Creation (1, 14 & 15)
 3. Providence (1, 16–18)
- II. The Knowledge of God the Redeemer in Christ

First disclosed to the fathers under the law, and then to us in the Gospel (Book 2)

 - A. Guilt and depravity of mankind (2, 1–5)
 - B. Salvation through Christ (2, 6)
 1. Old Testament (2, 7 & 8)
 2. New Testament (2, 9)
 3. Old and New Testaments: similarity and difference (2, 10 & 11)
 - C. Christ
 1. Person (2, 12–14)
 2. Work (2, 15–17)
- III. The Way in Which we Receive the Grace of Christ; What benefits come to us from it, and what effects follow (Book 3)
 - A. Holy Spirit (3, 1)
 - B. Faith (3, 2)
 - C. Repentance/ Sanctification (3, 3–10)
 - D. Justification (3, 11–19)
 - E. Prayer (3, 20)
 - F. Election (3, 21–24)
 - G. Resurrection (3, 25)
- IV. The External Means or Aids by Which God Invites us into the Society of Christ and Holds us Therein (Book 4)
 - A. Church (4, 1–13)
 - B. Sacraments (4, 14)
 1. Baptism (4, 15 & 16)
 2. Lord's Supper (4, 17 & 18)
 3. False sacraments (4, 19)
 - C. Civil government (4, 20)