

## JOHN CALVIN: THE MAN AND THE PREACHER

Steven Lawson

2009 PRE-CONFERENCE MINISTRY SEMINAR

SACRAMENTO, MARCH 13<sup>th</sup> · GRAND RAPIDS, MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>  
GREENVILLE, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> · PHILADELPHIA, MAY 1<sup>st</sup> **NEW**

2009 marks the five hundredth anniversary of John Calvin's birth. In recognition of our debt to Calvin's learned and godly ministry and in thanksgiving to God for the riches given to us through Calvin, our pre-conference will be considering John Calvin as a Christian man and preacher. We are extremely privileged to have Steven Lawson, author of *The Expository Genius of John Calvin*, as our pre-conference speaker. Join us on this landmark occasion as we recall John Calvin's contributions and apply the lessons to our own lives and ministries.

### PRE-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and coffee
- 9:15 a.m. Opening Bible Study  
**Words of Life (John 6:60-65)**  
Richard Phillips
- 9:45 a.m. **The Extraordinary Life of John Calvin**  
Steven Lawson
- 10:45 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:00 a.m. **The Expository Preaching of John Calvin**  
Steven Lawson
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (at local restaurants)
- 1:30 p.m. **The Enduring Legacy of John Calvin**  
Steven Lawson
- 2:30 p.m. **Question & Answer Session**  
Steven Lawson and Richard Phillips
- 3:15 p.m. End of Pre-Conference

### SPEAKERS

**Jerry Bridges** (CA, SC) works with the Navigators collegiate ministry group where he trains staff and serves as a resource to campus ministries. His most popular book, *The Pursuit of Holiness*, has sold over one million copies.

**Ligon Duncan** (PA) is the president of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals. He serves as senior minister of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, MS, and adjunct professor of theology at Reformed Theological Seminary. **Michael Horton** (MI) is the J. Gresham Machen professor of apologetics and systematic theology at Westminster Seminary California, host of *The White Horse Inn* national radio broadcast, and editor-in-chief of *Modern Reformation* magazine. He is also the author of several books.

**Steven Lawson** (All Locations) is the senior pastor of Christ Fellowship Baptist Church in Mobile, AL, having served as a pastor for the past twenty-eight years. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University (B.B.A.), Dallas Theological Seminary (Th.M.), and Reformed Theological Seminary (D. Min.). Dr. Lawson has authored fifteen books, his most recent being *The Unswerving Resolve of Jonathan Edwards*.

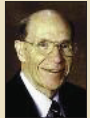
**Albert Mohler** (PA) is an ordained minister in the Southern Baptist Convention and president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Mohler is a frequent guest on Larry King Live and both *TIME* and *Christianity Today* have recognized his leadership among Southern Baptists.

**Richard Phillips** (All Locations) is an Alliance Council member, chair of PCRT, and the speaker of *God's Living Word* broadcast. He is senior minister of Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC, and the author of many books, including his commentary on Zechariah in the Reformed Expository Commentary.

**Philip Ryken** (MI, PA) is an Alliance Council member and the speaker on the Alliance broadcast *Every Last Word*. He is senior minister of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA. Most recently he has authored *When You Pray*. He is co-editor of the *Reformed Expository Commentary* along with Richard Phillips.

**Derek Thomas** (CA, SC) is editor of the Alliance's e-zine, *reformation21* and the John E. Richards professor of systematic and practical theology at Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS. After pastoring in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Dr. Thomas came to the USA in 1996 where he also serves as the minister of teaching at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson.

**Reddit Andrews** is the Senior Pastor at Soaring Oaks Presbyterian church in Elk Grove, CA. He is an adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology at City Seminary in Sacramento, CA, counsel member of the Gospel Coalition, Committee Member of Mission to North America, PCA and serves on the steering committee of the Sacramento Reformation Society.



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— Sinclair Ferguson

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# RIGHT WITH GOD: THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

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## RIGHT WITH GOD: THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

The doctrine of Justification... is the principal ground on which religion must be supported, so it requires greater care and attention. John Calvin

Ever since the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, the doctrine of *sola fide* – justification through faith alone – has been at the doctrinal center of evangelical religion. This doctrine was referred to as the material principle of the Reformation, that is, this was the heart of the matter for which the Reformers made their break in protest to Rome. But like so many other biblical teachings, justification has suffered from both neglect and abuse in recent years. Some of the most heated controversies within the church have concerned this doctrine, and with it the essential issue of how a sinner can be right with God.

But justification is not just a doctrinal matter. This subject is of the greatest concern to the day-to-day life of every Christian. J. I. Packer has written that "justification by faith is like Atlas: it bears a world on its shoulders, the entire evangelical knowledge of saving grace." The great Puritan, Thomas Watson commented: "Justification is the very hinge and pillar of Christianity. An error about justification is dangerous, like a defect in a foundation. Justification by Christ is a spring of the water of life."

It is with these beliefs in mind that we will gather for our 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology to consider the doctrine of justification. Our goal will be more than to reaffirm the cherished convictions of classic theology, but also to return to God's Word for answers to the questions pressing upon us today. The question of how sinners are made right with God is a timeless question, but its answer also needs to be given in light of the struggles of our present world.

We are excited to be returning with PCRT to Sacramento, Grand Rapids, and Philadelphia, and to come to Greenville, SC for the first time. We are certain to be strengthened in the Gospel and better equipped for ministry in today's world. Thank you for joining us as together we will gather before the Scriptures with the theme, *Right with God: The Doctrine of Justification*. To God alone be the glory!

### Plenary Sessions

**First Address: The Great Exchange**—Jerry Bridges (Sacramento and Greenville), Steven Lawson (Grand Rapids and Philadelphia)

**Second Address: Justification through Faith Alone**—Derek Thomas (Sacramento and Greenville), Philip Ryken (Grand Rapids and Philadelphia)

**Third Address: God the Just and the Justifier**—Steven Lawson (All locations)

**Fourth Address: Justification in Union with Christ**—Derek Thomas (Sacramento and Greenville), Michael Horton (Grand Rapids), Ligon Duncan (Philadelphia)

**Fifth Address: Justification and the Final Judgment**—Richard Phillips (Sacramento, Grand Rapids, and Greenville), Albert Mohler (Philadelphia)

**Sixth Address: The Present Reality of Justification**—Jerry Bridges (Sacramento and Greenville), Richard Phillips (Grand Rapids), Albert Mohler (Philadelphia)

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<b>Friday</b>	8:00-9:00 a.m.	Pre-Conference Registration
	9:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m.	Pre-Conference, Steven Lawson <b>John Calvin: The Man and the Preacher</b> Conference Registration Opening of the 2009 PCRT <b>First Address: The Great Exchange</b>
	6:00 p.m.	
	7:00 p.m.	
<b>Saturday</b>		
	8:00 a.m.	Late Registration
	9:00 a.m.	<b>Second Address: Justification through Faith Alone</b>
	10:00 a.m.	<b>Third Address: God the Just and the Justifier</b>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Question &amp; Answer Session</b>
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch (at local restaurants)
	2:00 p.m.	<b>Fourth Address: Justification in Union with Christ</b>
	3:15-4:30 p.m.	Seminars
		<b>Justification and the Practice of Evangelism</b> —Richard Phillips (All locations)
		<b>Faith and Works in Justification: A Consideration of Paul and James</b> —Steven Lawson (All locations)
		<b>Justification in Church History:</b>
		<b>Justification and the Early Church Fathers</b> —Ligon Duncan (PA)
		<b>Justification in Medieval and Roman Catholic Theology</b> —Derek Thomas (SC)
		<b>Justification: The Lutheran Re-Discovery</b> —Michael Horton (MI)
		<b>Justification in Liberal Theology and the Emergent Church</b> —Reddit Andrews (CA)
	4:30 p.m.	Dinner (at local restaurants)
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Sacred Concert</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Fifth Address: Justification and the Final Judgment</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		
	11:00 a.m.	PCRT joins host church worship for final address.
	8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	PCRT worships with Immanuel Baptist, Sacramento
	8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	PCRT worships with Second Presbyterian, Greenville
	9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	PCRT worships with First Christian Reformed, Grand Rapids PCRT worships with Tenth Presbyterian, Philadelphia
		<b>Sixth Address: The Present Reality of Justification</b>

## HOTELS AND TRAVEL

For all hotels, mention the "Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals" for the group rate. All rates are for single or double occupancy.

### Sacramento

**Inmanuel Baptist Church**  
1424 24th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95816  
inmanuelbc.net

### Courtyard by Marriott

4422 Y Street  
Sacramento, CA 95817  
Call 916-455-6800 by February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
\$94/night, 1.9 miles from the church

### Grand Rapids

**Byron Center First Christian Reformed Church**  
2450 85th Street, S.  
Byron Center, MI 49315  
byroncenterfirstcrc.com

### Baymont Inn and Suites

8282 Pfeiffer Farms Drive  
Byron Center, MI 49315  
Call 616-583-9535 by March 5<sup>th</sup>  
\$84.55/night, 2.9 miles from the church

### Greenville

**Second Presbyterian Church**  
105 River Street  
Greenville, SC 29601  
secondpca.org

### Hilton Greenville

45 West Orchard Park Drive  
Greenville, SC 29615  
Call 864-233-2861 by March 16<sup>th</sup>  
\$99/night, 5 miles from the church  
Free parking

### Holiday Inn Express

407 North Main Street

Greenville, SC 29601

Call 864-678-8000 by March 16<sup>th</sup>  
\$119/night  
Little more than 1 mile from the church  
Free breakfast, free parking

### Philadelphia

**Tenth Presbyterian Church**  
17<sup>th</sup> and Spruce Streets  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
tenth.org

### Crowne Plaza

1800 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Call 866-618-0410 by March 31<sup>st</sup>  
\$179/night  
4 blocks from the church, valet parking

### SoFitel

120 South 17th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Call 215-569-8300 by April 9<sup>th</sup>  
\$189/night  
Two and a half blocks from the church

### The Latham Hotel

135 S. 17th Street  
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Call 215-563-7474 by March 30<sup>th</sup>  
\$149/night  
Three blocks from the church

### Radisson Warwick Hotel

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### PRE-CONFERENCE: (Friday)

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# Special Registrations\* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$95 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (E69ZDXC3)  
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\*Special Registrations: senior citizens, students, host church members, groups of 5 or more, pre-conference also attending conference.

\*\*The Philadelphia dates are later this year so as not to coincide with the Penn relays.

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After deadline, audio of the conference plenary sessions is available upon request.

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