Chapter 1: Introduction

Above all, else, Calvinism is a set of ideas, powerful ideas about God and His relationship with His creation. In this light, Calvinism isn’t a religion per se, but a commentary on how religion should be practiced. There is no unique Church of John Calvin. Rather, there are churches with many names, each of which hold ideas similar to his in varying degrees. The threads of Calvinist thinking and theology are woven into many different styles of worship, emphasized to vary...