**JOHN CALVIN**

* Born in Noyon in France
* Studied Luther’s teachings
* Fled France when King Francis 1 starte to persecute Protestants

**CALVIN’S BELIEFS**

* Bible = source of all teachings
* Two sacraments – Eucharist & Baptism
* Service in French, not Latin
* No pope or bishops
* Christ not present at communion
* Believed in **predestination** – God had already chosen who went to heaven before you were even born.
* Ministers in Calvin’s church were called presbyters. It was because of this that Calvin’s religion quickly became known as Presbyterianism.

**STRUCTURE OF CALVIN’S CHURCH**

1. PASTORS – preached the word of God and administered the sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist.
2. ELDERS – looked after the daily life of the community and made sure people lived good lives.
3. DOCTORS – responsible for doctrine/church teachings.
4. DEACONS – cared for the poor and the sick.

**GENEVA**

* Known as the City of God
* Churches were bare, no statues or crucifixes
* Sermon given from the pulpit in the church
* Strict rules to live by – live good and holy lives, no dancing, gambling, putting on plays, no working on Sundays, wore plain clothes, mainly black
* If rules disobeyed then punishments like fines, imprisonment or death.

**SPREAD OF CALVINISM**

* Calvin founded the Academy of Geneva to train people in his beliefs
* Once trained, these missionaries went to France (Huguenots), the Netherlands, England (Puritans) and Hungry.
* Some Lutheran states also adopted his ideas.
* Because many of the settlers during the plantations in Ireland came from Scotland, these settlers brought their religious ideas with them