

John Calvin's grave

Calvin was buried on Sunday, May 28, 1564 in an unmarked grave at a secret location somewhere in Geneva.

In one of the last commentaries he wrote, he commented on the death and burial of Moses, "*It is good that famous men should be buried in unmarked graves.*" This conviction guided his own burial. He rejected the superstitious veneration of the dead and wanted no pilgrimages to his grave. He had lived to make Christians, not Calvinists.

He had perhaps written his own best epitaph in his *Institutes* ". . . *we may patiently pass through this life in afflictions, hunger, cold, contempt, reproaches, and other disagreeable circumstances, contented with this single assurance that our King will never desert us, but will give what we need, until having finished our warfare, we shall be called to the triumph.*"