

Calvin sounds a warning to evangelicals in this day and age. "At one time," he says, "I felt that the Reformers denied and broke the majesty and the unity of the Church, but once I allowed the Scripture to teach me I saw that it was not so." What an appropriate remark! There are those who would say that anything that disunited the Church, anything which denies an organizational setup, is an abridgment of Christ's body. Calvin has emphatically denied this, but in addition gives this poignant point: that if one is willing to be taught, one will soon see that no disservice is done to the Church. No schism is introduced to the Church if one's activities are bent towards the maintenance of the truth concerning Jesus Christ. This point could well be taken in hand by those who remain in churches which are no longer true denominations or true continuances of the Church of Christ, but who do so because they fear of some disunity.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, this much may be said for Calvin. Calvin was an ecclesiastical Separatist. He was a Fundamentalist in the finest sense of the word. Calvin did not feel that everyone in the Church had to be perfect. He did not insist on complete agreement within the Church on the many fine points of doctrine not essential to salvation, but he did insist that there must be basic loyalty to Jesus Christ and the apostles and to the sacraments which Christ instituted, and that if there was any abrogation of these, that