

why we should make that part the big-all of existence! We should recognize all the parts and stand upon them. As the writer of the Westminster Confession and Calvin himself truly tried to do.

Let us pray: Oh God our Father, we thank you for your Word. We thank you for Luther and Calvin, these great thinkers who have tried to gather together the teachings of the Word and present them. We thank you for them. We thank you for the blessing Calvin was in his life, and for the blessing his followers have been. We thank you, our Father, for these great truths. But Oh our God how easy it is to take one part of the truth and to give it an emphasis that makes other parts of the truth to lose all their emphasis. We cannot always reconcile things but we can recognize the two sides of things both of which are true. Oh our God we pray that you will help us never to be content with superficial answers but to be determined to study your Word and get to the very bottom and find out exactly what it means and then give us power, we pray, to present it in a way that will be effective. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.