

Sermon Outline – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009

**God's grace in the life of John Calvin (born 1509).**

Galatians 2:21...

**1. Saving Grace – Calvin, the Justified Sinner (Gal. 2:21b)**

- *The Greatness of God*
- *The depths of human sin*
- *The wonders of salvation: justification, adoption, knowing God.*

**2. Revealed grace – Calvin, the Bible teacher (2 Tim. 3:16-17)**

- *Reforming the church through the Word of God*
- *Encouraging the people of God through God's Predestination and Providence*

**3. Powerful grace – Calvin, the battered pilgrim (2 Cor 12:9-10)**

- *Personal hardship*
- *Faults, real and alleged*

**Conclusion: Calvin: a man in whom we see God's grace at work (1 Cor 15:10)**

Further reading on Calvin: *John Calvin: a Pilgrim's life* – H.J. Seldenhuis – witty, pastoral, anecdotal. *John Calvin; Pilgrim and Pastor* – W.R. Godfrey – good on Calvin's teaching. Lots of Calvin's writing is available free on the web – see <http://www.ccel.org/index/author-C.html> Try the chapters in the *Institutes* on Prayer and the Christian Life – both are classics.