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**Dear Friends of the Foundation:**

This week we finish Book II and begin Book III as we continue to work our way through Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. While Book II is about the knowledge of God the Redeemer, Book III is about how we receive the grace of Jesus Christ.

In chapter 1, section 4, Calvin sets forth this succinct sentence: "Faith is the principal work of the Holy Spirit" (p. 541).

This tells us at least two things. First, of all the things the Holy Spirit does, the main one is working faith in us.

Second, the faith we have is the gift and work of the Holy Spirit. It is not our own accomplishment.

Grace and Peace,

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