

1. Calvin opened the Institutes by telling us that almost all the knowledge that is useful to us in this life can be comprehended under two headings.

What are they? (Knowledge of God and knowledge of self)

2. He said that it was not possible to tell which one comes before the other but that the logical order for teaching required us to start with – which one? (Knowledge of God)
3. In Book 2 Calvin turns to the second area of necessary knowledge – knowledge of self. What is the main difference between the way Christians acquire knowledge of self and the way non-Christians acquire knowledge of self? (Christians start with what we were, non-Christians start with what we now are. *Cf I.xv.8 Hence the great obscurity faced by the philosophers, for they were seeking in a ruin for a building, and in scattered fragments for a well-knit structure.*[196,37ff])
4. How do we know that we are acquiring the knowledge of self in the correct way? (see the last two Q&As on section 1).
5. In current thought great emphasis is given to self-esteem and a great many problems are traced to a lack of self-esteem. What is the Christian perspective on self-esteem?
6. The fall: