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John Calvin was born as Jehan Cauvin on 10 July 1509, at Noyon, a town in Picardy, a province of the Kingdom of France. He was the first of four sons who survived infancy. Jean Calvin (forme re-francisée de la forme latinisée, Calvinus, du nom Jehan Cauvin), né le 10 juillet 1509 à Noyon et mort le 27 mai 1564 à Genève, est un théologien français, un important réformateur, et un pasteur emblématique de la Réforme protestante du XVI^e siècle, notamment pour son apport à la doctrine dite du calvinisme. John Calvin (1509–1564) was a French Protestant theologian during the Protestant Reformation, and one of the most influential reformers. He was a central figure for the Reformed churches, whose theological system is sometimes called Calvinism. I once heard a Protestant pastor preach a “Church History” sermon. He began with Christ and the apostles, dashed through the book of Acts, skipped over the Catholic Middle Ages and leaped directly to Wittenberg, 1517.