On October, 25, 2009, Christ Covenant celebrated Reformation Day, the anniversary of the start of the great spiritual revival of the 16th century known as "The Protestant Reformation of the Church". On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a German monk, posted his famous "95 Theses" on the door of the college church in Wittenberg, Germany. This act of defiance to the Roman Catholic pope sparked a great spiritual renaissance in the Church of Europe.

Christ Covenant celebrates this great day each year. This year, Niel Nielson, the President of Covenant College, preached the morning message: "Are You Ready for Battle" (Joshua 5). Phil Ryken of the historic Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA preached at the presbytery-wide service in the evening: "A Great Door for the Gospel" (1 Corinthians 15:6-9). This past year's celebration was especially significant because 2009 marks the 500th anniversary of John Calvin – perhaps the greatest of all the reformers of the 16th century.

Mike Ross, Senior Pastor of Christ Covenant Church, gave a morning lecture on "The Legacy of John Calvin." In that lecture, he referenced a Bibliography on John Calvin and his contributions to the modern era. That bibliography is presented here, online, for your use and reference.

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