

# Calvin 500

**Two lectures  
to commemorate the  
500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
birth of John Calvin**

**with Dr Noel K. Weeks**

## Calvin vs Darwin



**and**

*Calvin and the  
New Perspective*

*on Paul*

## The Speaker

Noel Weeks has degrees in zoology, theology and ancient history. He holds honorary positions in Ancient History at Sydney and Macquarie Universities, having previously taught the history and languages of the Ancient Near East for some thirty years at the University of Sydney. He has lectured and published widely on topics relating to the Bible, the ancient history of the Middle East and Christian approaches to various disciplines.

## The Location and Time

The Chapel of the  
**Reformed Church of Canberra,  
Rivett Place, Rivett.**

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009,  
7:30pm to 9:00pm.**

Refreshments will be served at 'half-time.' No charge (donation box available).

If time permits, there will be an opportunity for comments, questions, etc.

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## Lecture One: Calvin vs Darwin

This year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Calvin's and the 200<sup>th</sup> of Charles Darwin's birth. It's also the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of Darwin's *The Origin of Species*.

In his day, Calvin warned against views which logically led to the theory of naturalistic evolution. Yet, the connection is even closer than that: an attempt to counter Calvin's view led to the theory of the survival of the fittest.

## Lecture Two: Calvin and the New Perspective on Paul

The Reformation began as an argument over justification or how a sinner is made right with God. By the time of Calvin and the Roman Catholic Council of Trent, that had been narrowed down to a difference over the relationship of justification and sanctification.

Modern New Testament scholars are arguing over what Paul meant without clear realisation that they are reviving that old argument.

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