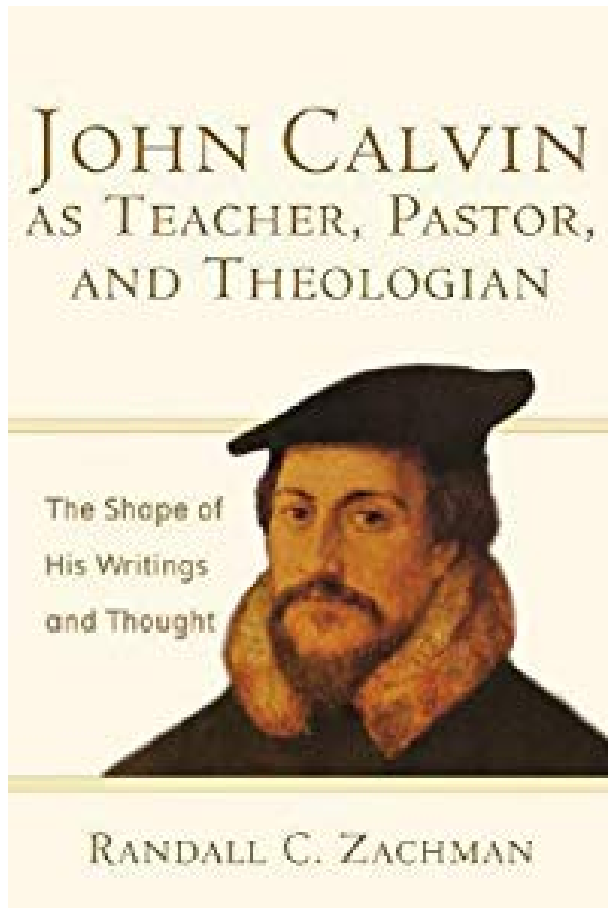


# John Calvin as Teacher, Pastor, and Theologian: The Shape of His Writings and Thought



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