

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

*Jean Calvin*- age 18 – 31

From a small town in northern France. A brilliant Renaissance scholar first and foremost, reluctant to become a leader. Intellectually on a different plane than any of his peers. Dry sense of humor.

*Nicolas Cop* - age 19 - 27

Early college friend of Calvin. Of a prominent Parisian family. Serious, with a sense of fun. He rises quickly within the Sorbonne, but leaves it all behind to find religious freedom in Switzerland.

*Louis DuTillet* - age 19 –29

Early college friend of Calvin. Of noble family. He is not the brightest bulb, but a devoted friend. Forced to make a hard choices between birthright and friendship.

*François Daniel*- 20's

College friend of Calvin during his later study in Orléans. A “hometown” boy. Not really “into” theology; he is studying to become a lawyer. Has a typical collegiate’s sense of adventure.

*Charles Cauvin* - late 20's

Bother to Jean Calvin, Catholic priest. He is rebelling against the corruption he sees in the Church.

*Girard Cauvin* - late 50s, early 60s

Father to Jean Calvin. Formerly a lawyer to the Bishop, he has been bedridden, at death’s door for some time.

*Gerard Roussel* - Early- mid40s

Evangelical leader in France. Protected by Queen Marguerite de Navarre, he is an early member of Reform group who become The Protestants. In love with power, he eventually chooses a different spiritual path.

*Jacques Lefèvre d'Étaples* - 80ish

Humanist scholar, famous Renaissance thinker. He is the inspiration for the Fabrists, an influential group who allied with Reform movement.

*Matin Bucer* - 43- 49

German. Leader of the Reform movement. Spiritual father and mentor to Calvin.

*Guillaume Farel*- 46-48

Fiery Evangelical leader in Geneva. Hates the Catholic Church. Becomes close associate of Calvin.

*Madame Dupont - 29- 35*

Bookseller in Orléans. She is a member of the newly rising bourgeoisie, she is proud of her bookstall and connections her clientele give her to the world.

*Queen Marguerite - 35 - 45*

Queen of Navarre, sister to Francis I, King of France, protector and patroness of French Reform movement. She is the most powerful woman in France and a true believer.

*Adèle - 15- 25*

Loyal servant to Marguerite. She is a good girl with hidden spirit.

*Idelette DuBurre - 35 (4 years older than Calvin)*

Strasbourg widow with three small children, remarries to become “loving wife and helpmeet” of Jean Calvin.

**Using double-casting for a cast of 10** (has been used for readings and production):

*Jean Calvin*

*Nicolas Cop*

*Louis DuTillet*

*François Daniel*

*Charles Cauvin/ Guillaume Farel*

*Gerard Cauvin/ Jacques Lefèvre d'Étaples*

*Gerard Roussel/ Martin Bucer*

*Madame Dupont*

*Queen Marguerite*

*Adèle/Idelette*

**Using double-casting for a cast of 7** (has been used for readings):

*Jean Calvin*

*Louis DuTillet*

*Charles Cauvin/ Guillaume Farel/Martin Bucer*

*Gerard Cauvin/ Jacques Lefèvre d'Étaple/ Gerard Roussel*

*Nic Cop/François Daniel*

*Queen Marguerite/Madame DuPont*

*Adèle/Idelette*