

Johann Nikolaus Quistorp 1651-1715

Johann Nikolaus Quistorp, also Johann Nicolaus Quistorp (* [January 6 1651](#) in [Rostock](#) , † [August 9 1715](#)) was a Protestant theologian, pastor, [superintendent](#) of Rostock and professor at the [University of Rostock](#) .

He was the eldest son of the younger [Johann Quistorp](#) and Sophia Scharfenberg, daughter of the mayor of the city of Rostock. After attending high school in [Güstrow](#) he went to study at the University of Rostock in 1668. The following year, his father called him back home to prepare him to be his successor, but died shortly afterwards. Quistorp then went on a long study tour through Germany and the Netherlands, [Gdansk](#) , [Kaliningrad](#) and [Copenhagen](#) . In 1674, he returned and began to teach at the University of Rostock.

In 1676 he became a deacon at [St. Nicolai](#). In 1682 he was awarded the [University of Greifswald](#), the degree of [licentiate](#) of theology. In 1684 he was elected pastor of St. Nicolai. In 1686 he obtained a Doctorate of Theology and in 1693 received the professorship of Theology at the University of Rostock. In 1702, he was appointed [superintendent](#) named after the place that had been vacant since 1675. In 1706 he led the [Confirmation](#) in Rostock.

In 1677 he married Margaret Elizabeth Berckow, (1656-1692), daughter of the lawyer Daniel Berckow. They have a son, Gottfried Lorenz Quistorp, his son is the Theologian [Bernhard Friedrich Quistorp](#) . After his first wife died during the birth of a twins, 1695, he married Christina Lenten (1669-1753), daughter of [Johann Hugo von Lente](#) . The daughter Anna Christina from this marriage became the mother of [William Alexander Schwollmann](#) .

His life-size portrait hung long in the Nikolai Church and is now in the [St. Mary's Church](#) .

Quistorp wrote at least 30 disputations and Programmata, including:

- CXII. Theses Theologicae, 1687
- Theses Theologicae, Praevia Censura Venerandae Faculte. In Theologicae Universitate Rostochiensi Privato Publicis Disputationibus Singulis Diebus Mercurii Hori Pomeridianis In Auditorio Maiori Proponendae, 1695
- Disputationum Theologicarum In Locum I. John III. 9 Contra Errorem De absolutis Renatorum Anamartesia, Prior: Exhibens Somnii Huius Originem Ac Progressum; 1695
- In Solenni Festivitate Nativitatis Domini Nostri Et Unici Redemptoris Jesus Christ; 1697
- Disputatio inauguralis Theologica De Non Speranda Extra Ecclesiam Lutheranam Salute, 1699