

Church History Literacy

John Wesley – Part 1 Introduction

Lesson 71

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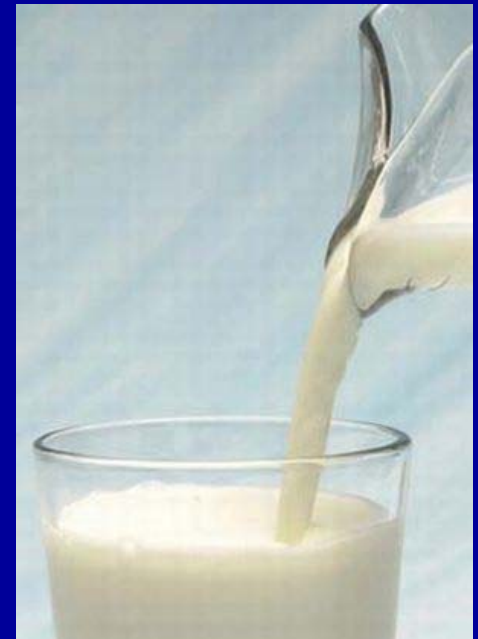
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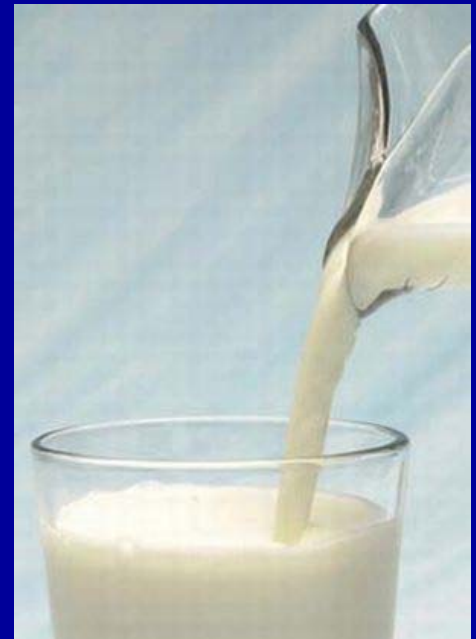
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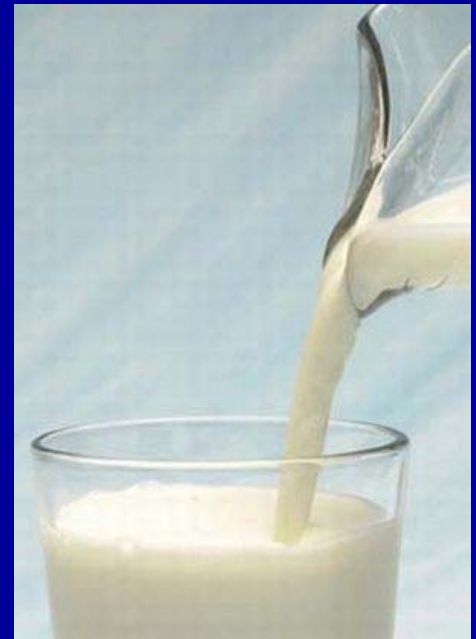
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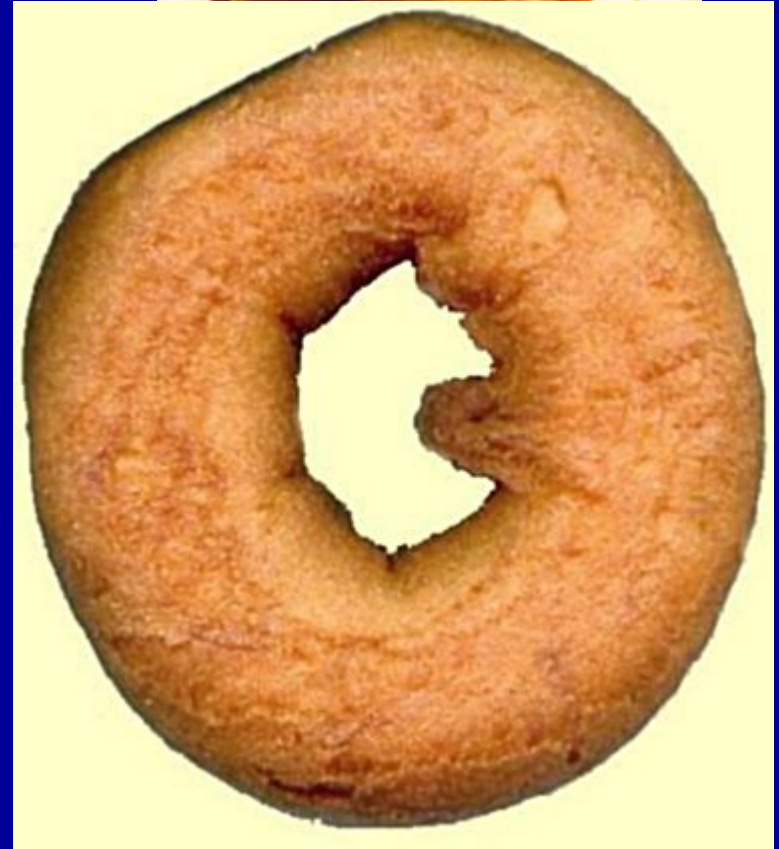


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RESULT:

MOST
INFLUENTIAL
ENGLISH SPEAKER
IN THE HISTORY
OF THE CHURCH

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- Start with historical context

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- Look at Wesley's early life

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- Points for home

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Remember these two words, though you forget all the rest of the sermon: “Christ” and “holiness”, holiness and Christ... It is serious Christianity I press as the only way to better every condition: it is Christianity, downright Christianity, that alone can do it: it is not morality without faith; that is but refined heathenism: it is not faith without morality, that is but downright hypocrisy



It must be a divine faith,
wrought by the Holy
Ghost, where God and
man concur in the
operation; such a faith as
works by love, both to
God and man, a holy
faith full of good works.



Wesley's parents



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I will not
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Then I'm leaving!
“If we have 2
kings, we must
have 2 beds”

Epworth Church Rector

1696 - 1735





WESLEY'S RESCUE FROM THE BURNING BUILDING
THE RESCUE OF JOHN WESLEY FROM FIRE



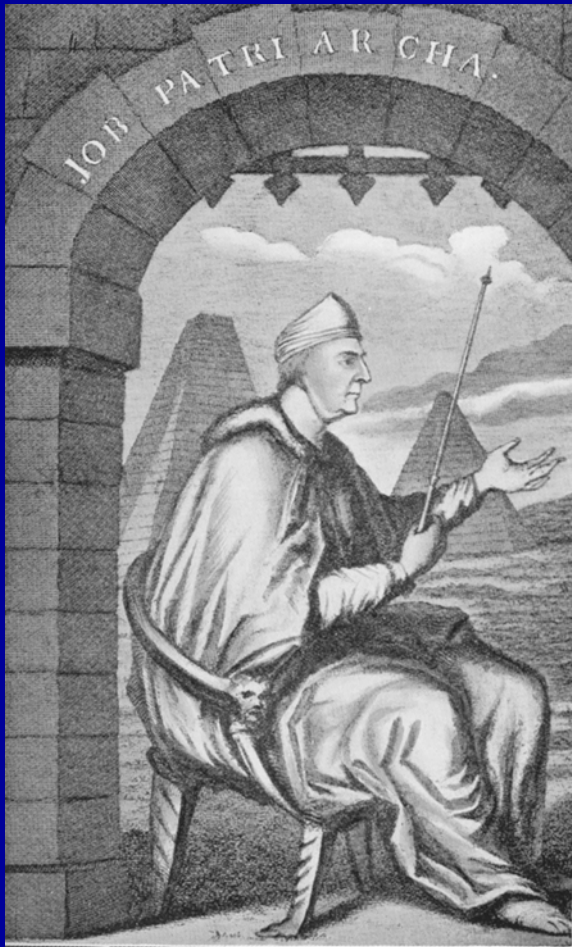
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REV. SAMUEL WESLEY, RECTOR OF EPWORTH.
John Wesley's Father.

*Reduced facsimile of the copperplate frontispiece of his Latin Commentary
on Job, published in 1736.*

Samuel
Wesley



SUSANNA WESLEY.
John Wesley's Mother.

Susanna
Wesley

Wesley's formal education

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Charterhouse school at 10

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Christ Church
College - Oxford



Wesley's return to Epworth



Back to Oxford with Charles



The Oxford “Holy Club”



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First use of term,
“Methodists”

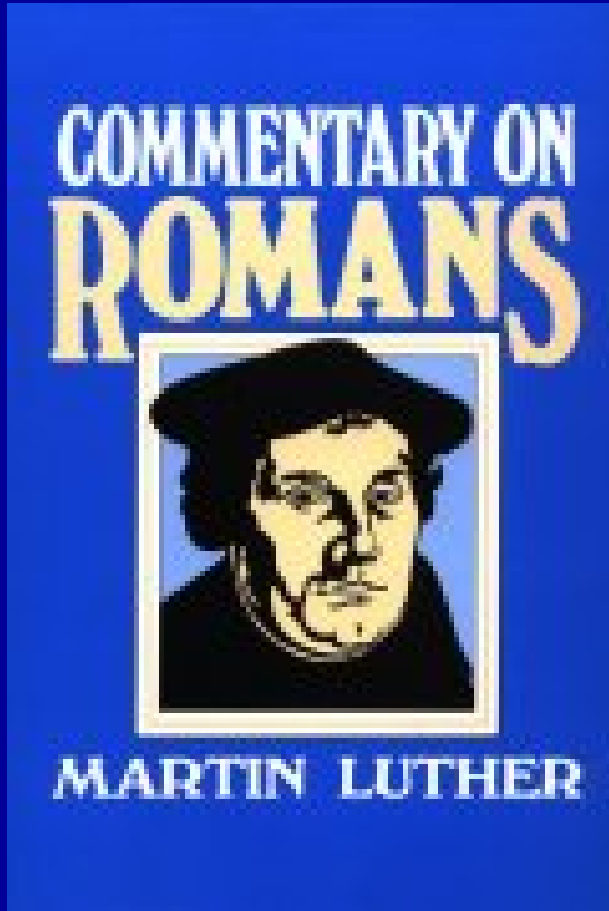
1735, Wesley goes to America



A flop? Or a time of preparation?

Return to England and the Pietists/Moravians

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COMMENTARY ON
ROMANS



MARTIN LUTHER

“while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation and an assurance was given me...”

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We “see but a poor reflection as in a mirror” but in heaven we “shall see face to face” (1 Cor. 13:12)

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And the same God knows when a sparrow falls and the number of hairs on our heads (Mt. 10:29-31)

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This is a confidence that reassures us

“whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.” (1 Jn 3:20)