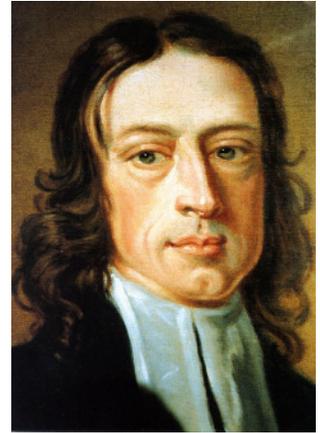
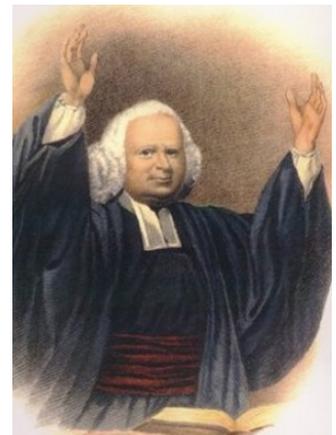


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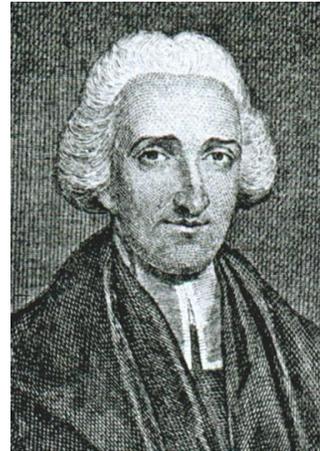
Wesley's notorious "Free Grace" sermon



Whitefield's response



Wesley attacks Toplady



For more details see:

- Lee Gatiss (ed.), *The Sermons of George Whitefield* (2 volumes)
- Lee Gatiss, *The True Profession of the Gospel: Augustus Toplady and Reclaiming our Reformed Foundations*
- Wesley's Sermon on Romans 8:32, the text he preached on at St Helen's (http://wesley.nnu.edu/john_wesley/sermons/128.htm)
- Whitefield's Response to Wesley's Sermon on Romans 8:32 (<http://www.spurgeon.org/~phil//wesley.htm>)

A conversation in November 1787

Simeon: Sir, I understand that you are called an Arminian; and I have been sometimes called a Calvinist; and therefore I suppose we are to draw daggers. But before I consent to begin the combat, with your permission I will ask you a few questions, not from impertinent curiosity, but for real instruction. Pray, Sir, do you feel yourself a depraved creature, so depraved, that you would never have thought of turning unto God, if God had not first put it into your heart?

Wesley: Yes, I do indeed.

Simeon: And do you utterly despair of recommending yourself to God by any thing you can do; and look for salvation solely through the blood and righteousness of Christ?

Wesley: Yes, solely through Christ.

Simeon: But, Sir, supposing you were first saved by Christ, are you not somehow or other to save yourself afterwards by your own works?

Wesley: No, I must be saved by Christ from first to last.

Simeon: Allowing then that you were first turned by the grace of God, are you not in some way or other to keep yourself by your own power?

Wesley: No.

Simeon: What then, are you to be upheld every hour and every moment by God, as much as an infant in its mother's arms?

Wesley: Yes; altogether.

Simeon: And is all your hope in the grace and mercy of God to preserve you unto his heavenly kingdom?

Wesley: Yes; I have no hope, but in him.

Simeon: Then, Sir, with your leave, I will put up my dagger again; for this is all my Calvinism; this is my election, my justification by faith, my final perseverance: it is, in substance, all that I hold, and as I hold it: and therefore, if you please, instead of searching out terms and phrases to be a ground of contention between us, we will cordially unite in those things wherein we agree.

(The conversation is recounted in C. Simeon, *Helps to Composition, or Five Hundred Skeletons of Sermons* (1801), Volume 1, vii-viii (note))



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