

In October, 1735, the Wesleys and two of their companions set sail for America on a mission to the Indians. During a severe storm at sea, they were greatly struck at the calm behaviour of a number of Moravians, who, in the midst of great danger and the near prospect of death, betrayed no signs of fear, but with perfect composure continued singing their hymns of faith and trust. John Wesley asked them if the women and children were not afraid, and received the beautiful answer, "No; our women and children are not afraid to die." Although he had believed in Jesus as the Saviour of men, yet he had not been saved from fear. He knew nothing as yet of the precious doctrine of union to Christ, and being safe in Him.

Their mission to America was a failure, for the simple reason that they were not fully equipped for service. They must tarry at Jerusalem until they are endued with power from on high. Whitefield, after passing through a most painful and protracted struggle, entered into liberty, and attained "full assurance of faith," in 1736, and shortly after was ordained to the ministry by the Bishop of Gloucester. Under the influence of the Moravians in London, in May, 1738, Charles and John Wesley found peace and joy through simple faith in the sinner's Saviour. And with peace came a gracious sense of pardon and power in service.

Whitefield at his ordination consecrated himself, body, soul, and spirit, to the service of God, to do His will and to seek His glory only. For a time he resumed his labours at Oxford. He visited London,