

The Greatest Evangelist since Paul



“There are two things which the believer cannot desire with too much ardor: personal holiness, and the honor of Christ in the salvation of souls.”¹

Introduction: Whitefield a Man of One Thing

Whitefield’s Funeral

Newburyport, MA; buried beneath the pulpit
Wesley preached the funeral sermon in
England (both services) at Whitefield’s request

The Estimation of the Man and His Ministry

1. His Defenders:
 - a. Enemies and antagonists praised him
 - b. Immediate replies by Prince, intimates such as Cornelius Winter
 - c. Reformed giants – Tennant, Davies, and Edwards; Alexander, Spurgeon,

and Nettleton; Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Iain Murray, J.I. Packer

2. His Detractors:
 - a. Church of England men
 - b. Chauncy (answered by Edwards); Yale and Harvard; Old Side Presbyterians
 - c. To a lesser extent, Charles Hodge, George Marsden
 - d. To a greater extent, Perry Miller, Harry Stout, Darryl Hart
 - e. Overview of three criticisms: GA mere emotionalism/fanaticism which came to nothing or worse; GA a mere power struggle; GA cannot be weighed by secularistic history

Whitefield’s Qualities

1. His Character: Humility, Discipline, Kindness
2. His Gifts: Orator, Energy, Presence
3. His Service: Faithfulness, Zeal, Perseverance
4. His Theology: Confessional, Biblicist, Calvinist

¹ Robert Murray M’Cheyne