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Forced to preach outside the churches, he became adept at open-air preaching and, as a result, began to reach many, especially in the cities, about whom the Church of England had shown little concern. Wesley, however, quickly learned the art of speaking and, despite opposition, his sermons began to have a marked effect. Methodism in both forms was a highly successful evangelical movement in the United Kingdom, which encouraged people to experience Jesus Christ personally.

### A Brief History of John Wesley and Methodism

Despite his zeal to bring them the Gospel, he was rebuffed by the colonists and received unenthusiastically by the Indians. Brought to America in 1766 by English and Irish immigrants, the colonial Methodists organized themselves at the famous Christmas Conference in 1784, and held their first General Conference in 1792. Go to this page for a history of the 3-15-09 Wesley and Methodism.

### John Wesley (Author of A Plain Account of Christian Perfection)

A contemporary of William Wilberforce, Wesley was a strong voice opposing slavery in England and the United States. It is hardly credible of how great consequence before God the smallest things are; and what great inconveniences sometimes follow those which appear to be light faults. The Bishop of London refused to ordain any clergy for him, so Wesley ordained ministers on his own authority, an important step in the creation of the Methodist Church in America.

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Three years later, at the same place, he was ordained as a priest in the Anglican Church. Then his ministry in Savannah lasted only 2 years and was marked by difficulty, ineffectiveness, and even scandal.

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