

The Spirit Moving in John Wesley Narrative

John Wesley grew up in (*country*) in the early 1700s as the son of a (*occupation*) in the Church of England. He really, really wanted to be a good (*noun*), which he thought meant following a lot of (*plural noun*). During college, he led a group called the (*organization*) that met regularly to study (*book title*), visited people who were sick or in (*place*), and held each other accountable for their actions.

John became a (*occupation*) in the Church of England in 1728. Seven years later, he traveled by (*mode of transportation*) to (*place*), where he tried without much luck to convert the (*group of people*) to (*religion*), even though he wasn't (*adjective*). Disappointed at this failure, John returned to (*country*). On the way, his ship was threatened by a terrible (*weather event*). John was (*emotion verb ending in -ed*), but he (*verb ending in -ed*) a group of (*group of people*) who faced the (*weather event*) with total calmness. Impressed, he decided to (*present tense verb*) more about their faith and why it was so much deeper than his.

Back in England, John (*verb ending in -ed*) a meeting on Aldersgate Street in (*city*). While someone was reading (*book title*), John felt his (*body part*) "strangely warmed." He later wrote, "I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins."

For the first time, John understood that salvation isn't a (*noun*) you (*present tense verb*). It is a (*noun*) you (*present tense verb*).

John Wesley grew up in England in the early 1700s as the son of a priest in the Church of England. He really, really wanted to be a good Christian, which he thought meant following a lot of rules. During college, he led a group called the Holy Club that met regularly to study the Bible, visited people who were sick or in prison, and held each other accountable for their actions.

John became a priest in the Church of England in 1728. Seven years later, he traveled by ship to Georgia, where he tried without much luck to convert the Native Americans to Christianity, even though he wasn't prepared. Disappointed at this failure, John returned to England. On the way, his ship was threatened by a terrible storm. John was terrified, but he noticed a group of Moravian Christians who faced the storm with total calmness. Impressed, he decided to learn more about their faith and why it was so much deeper than his.

Back in England, John attended a meeting on Aldersgate Street in London. While someone was reading Martin Luther's commentary on the Book of Romans, John felt his heart "strangely warmed." He later wrote, "I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins."

For the first time, John understood that salvation isn't a prize you earn. It is a gift you accept.