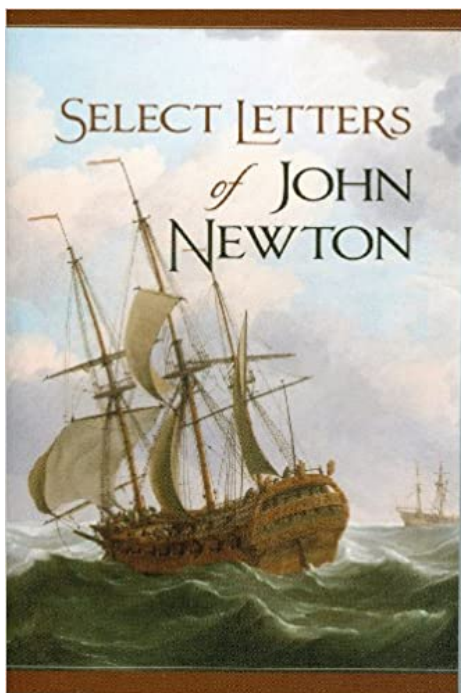


John Newton (1725-1807), the author of the well-known hymn, "Amazing Grace", was better known for his pastoral counsel than for his preaching or hymn writing abilities. *Select Letters of John Newton* contains 39 letters to friends and others, even pastors. It is an excellent example of tender, conviction-driven, wise shepherding from a man who was well aware of his own sinful heart and yet eager to impart truth to others.

— Omri Miles, Pastor/Elder



QUOTES

"Our Saviour, before whom we must shortly appear as our judge, has made love the characteristic of his disciples; and without some evidence that this is the prevailing disposition of our hearts, we could find little comfort in calling him God."

"The Lord bears with you likewise, and expects that you should show tenderness to others, from a sense of the much forgiveness you need yourself."

"If our zeal is embittered by expressions of anger, invective, or scorn, we may think we are doing service to the cause of truth, when in reality we shall only bring it into discredit."

"Ah! what trifles are capable of shutting him out of our thoughts, of whom we say, He is the Beloved of our souls, who loved us, and gave himself for us, and whom we have deliberately chosen as our chief good and portion. What can make us amends for the loss we suffer here? Yet surely if we could, we would set him always before us; his love should be the delightful theme of our hearts."

"There is a difference in kind between the feeblest efforts of faith in a real believer, while he is covered with shame at the thoughts of his miscarriages, and the highest and most specious attainments of those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight. Nor shall this conflict remain long, or the enemy finally prevail over them. They are supported by almighty power, and led on to certain victory."

Suggested One-Month Reading Plan

(Average 8 pages per day)

Week 1: Monday October 3rd - Sunday October 9th

Introduction, 7 pages

1. Grace in the Blade, 7 pages
2. Grace in the Ear, 6 pages
3. The Full Corn in the Ear, 8 pages
4. Communion with God, 8 pages
5. Spiritual Blindness, 6 pages
6. The Right Use of the Law, 10 pages
7. Snares and Difficulties Attending the Ministry, 7 pages

Week 2 : Monday October 10th - Sunday October 16th

8. Marks of a Call to the Ministry, 4 pages
9. Advice on the Work of the Ministry, 4 pages
10. Some Blemishes in Christian Character, 7 pages
11. Love to the Brethren, 6 pages
12. Doctrines of Election and Final Perseverance, 9 pages
13. Divine Guidance, 7 pages
14. The Practical Influence of Faith, 6 pages
15. Family Worship, 6 pages
16. Temptation, 9 pages

Week 3: Monday October 17th - Sunday October 23rd

17. Controversy, 6 pages
18. Man in His Fallen Estate (1), 7 pages
19. Man in His Fallen Estate (2), 6 pages
20. Causes, Nature, and Marks of a Decline in Grace, 5 pages
21. Acquired and Experimental Knowledge, 5 pages
22. Believer's Inability on Account of Remaining Sin, 5 pages
23. Evil Present in the Believer, 4 pages
24. Advantages from Remaining Sin, 5 pages
25. What the Believer Can Attain to in this Life, 6 pages
26. The Greatness of God, 5 pages
27. The Lord the Shepard of His People, 5 pages

Week 4: Monday October 24th - Sunday October 30

28. The Blessedness of the Believer, 6 pages
29. The Character of a Christian, 10 pages
30. Cases of Conscience, 8 pages
31. How to Meet the Assaults of Satan, 5 pages
32. How to Keep Close to the Lord, 3 pages
33. The Benefits of Affliction, 3 pages
34. Contrary Principles in the Believer, 4 pages
35. Christ All-sufficient, 3 pages
36. Blessed Are They That Mourn, 5 pages
37. Conflict Exercises the Graces, 4 pages
38. Submission to the Will of the Lord, 3 pages
39. The Vanity of the World, 2 pages