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INTRODUCTION



John H. Armstrong

No American, at least in the area of Christian theology and philosophy, retains the interest in Church history and intellectual life as does the Northampton Congregational minister, Jonathan Edwards. This year we mark the 300TH anniversary of his birth. A number of conferences and publications have been planned to honor the man that most people only know as the preacher of America's most famous sermon: "Sinners in the Hands of An Angry God." Not only did Edwards contribute much more than this well-known sermon but most of what he contributed was of a far better sort than this sermon. You will soon discover, if you read and understand him, that Edwards spoke far more of the love of God than of his wrath. He spoke far more of the believer delighting in God than of the believer doubting whether or not he was among the elect. It has been said that old myths die slow deaths. In Edwards' case they die *very* slowly since he is very often misunderstood in the household of his supposed friends.

Welcome to an issue that brings not only insight into the life and thought of a great man but more importantly, a better understanding of what it means to truly delight in the beauty and glory of Christ. A good-sized dose of Jonathan Edwards might contribute a great deal to a modern reformation.