

American Christianity: Shaping a Nation
“Jonathan Edwards & George Whitefield: America’s Conversion”
Deuteronomy 32:35; 2 Corinthians 13:5

Sydney Ahlstrom refers to the First Great Awakening as “America’s conversion experience.” This profound revival did more to create a single national identity than any military or commercial venture ever could. Thirteen separate colonies would unite under the banner of the United States only after God’s Spirit swept the land and created a bond that had previously been non-existent. Spiritual awakening produces political unity.

1. America’s Greatest Theologian on Revival (Deut. 32:35)

2. America’s Greatest Evangelist on Salvation (2 Cor. 13:5)