

American Christianity: Shaping a Nation
“John Clarke & Obadiah Holmes: Enduring Persecution”
Deuteronomy 13; Romans 14:1-12

Welcomed to Rhode Island by Roger Williams, John Clarke established the town of Newport and the second Baptist church on American soil. Pursued by establishment church leaders in Boston for years, he was arrested along with Obadiah Holmes for holding an intimate worship service in a private residence in September 1651. This injustice began a revolution unseen in human history.

1. Puritan Justification for Tyranny (Deuteronomy 13)

2. Baptist Plea for Liberty of Conscience (Romans 14:1-12)