



John Newton: From Disgrace to Amazing Grace By Jonathan Aitken

Most of us know and love the hymn *Amazing Grace* and many of us know that this hymn was written by a captain of the infamous slave ships. But how much do we really know about the transformation that took place in John Newton's life?

Are you aware that John Newton remained a slave ship captain for five years after his conversion? Did you know of the tremendous impact that Newton had on the evangelical movement in England and on abolitionist William Wilberforce's successful attempts to end the slave trade in England?

This biography tells how John Newton was transformed from a vile wretch, an atheist, and a licentious and wild blasphemer into a born-again believer in Jesus Christ, a caring pastor and popular preacher, an evangelist, a hymn writer, and a mentor for young pastors.

John Newton's life is well-summarized in his own words: "Although my memory's fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior." Readers of this biography will be rewarded with insight into a man whose life was clearly one of the great redemptive stories in history.