- Born September 21, 1695
- His Father, Thomas Was Minister Of The Church of Scotland
- Attended Grammar School At Perth, Later Attending St. Leonard’s College at St. Andrews. Received M.A. May 6, 1713
- Then Attended University Of Edinburgh
- Received A Calvinistic Education Both At Home & University
- Licensed As A Presbyterian Minister At Dunkeld Presbytery On May 20, 1718, Later At Tealing In Forfarshire May 6, 1719
- At Tealing Presbyterian Church 5 Years
John Glas  
1695-1773

- 1727 – Wrote *The Testimony Of The King Of Martyrs Concerning The Kingdom*  
  - Against State Churches &  
  - Intervention Of Civil Authorities In Church Matters

- Believed:
  - The Church Is Made Up Of Those Who Experienced The Grace Of Christ  
  - Separated Themselves From The World  
  - Gathered Themselves In The Church  
  - Therefore, No Place For Civil Affairs

- Separated From Tealing Church, July 13, 1725, Starting An Independent Church  
  - 100 People Followed  
  - Agreed To Follow Christ As Lord  
  - Subjected Themselves To Glas’ Leadership  
  - Observed The Lord’s Supper Monthly (Not Quarterly Like Scottish Church)  
  - Followed Matthew 18 – Church Discipline  
  - Formed A *Society* Of Believers
John Glas
1695-1773

• Divisions Continue
  – August 6, 1726 – At Strathmartine
  – Taught John 18:36,37 – Christ’s Kingdom Is Not Of This World
  – No Earthly Civil Designation Of Authority (Against Physical Kingdom Teaching In That Day)
  – Close To Treason

• Brought Before A Number Of Synods
  – Aug. 1726 – Synod of Angus & Mearns
  – Sept. 6, 1726 – Synod Of Dundee
  – Oct. 1727 – Synod of Montrose
  – April, 1728 – Synod Of Angus & Mearns
    • Members Submitted 26 Questions To Glas And His Reply Was Discussed
    • Glas Was Suspended As Presb. Minister
    • Appeal To Gen. Assembly At Edinburgh May 2, 1728
John Glas
1695-1773

Still More Presbyterian Synods
- Oct. 17, 1728 – Synod Of Dundee
  - Should They Suspend Or Depose Glas?
  - He Was Deposed
- Mar. 12, 1730 – Appealed To Highest Presbyterian Court Who Confirmed The Sentence To Depose Him
- 1739 The General Assembly Broke Precedence And Revoked The Sentence Of Deposition
  - Though It Restored Glas As A Minister, It Did Not Restore Him As A Minister In The Church of Scotland
  - Glas Never Requested This, But Its Happening Showed A Sign Of Softening Against Congregationalism
John Glas - 1695-1773

• Last Years Of Ministry
  – 1730 – Continued To Minister To New Tealing Society
  – Moved To Dundee To Support Himself By Opening A Bookstore
  – Moved To Perth In 1733
    • His Independent Reputation Was Not Quickly Accepted
    • When Opening A New Meetinghouse There Some In Town Threw Mud At Attendees
    • George Miller, The Town Clerk Intervened And Kept The Meetinghouse From Destruction
  – 1734 Established A Congregational Church in Edinburgh
    • Met Robert Sandeman There
    • Later Became His Son-In-Law
  – Died November 2, 1773 – 78 Years Old
    • Survived By 15 Children, Wife Died In 1749
    • Most Of Family Buried At Dundee In “Old Howff” Cemetery
JOHN GLAS
MINISTER OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN THIS PLACE
DIED 20th NOVEMBER 1779
AGED 78 YEARS.
HE LONG SURVIVED
CATHERINE BLACK
HIS BELOVED WIFE
INTERRED IN THE SAME CHAWE
AND ALL HIS CHILDREN FIFTEEN IN NUMBER
MANY OF WHOM ARRIVED AT MATURE AGE
AND NINE LIE HERE BESIDE THEIR PARENTS.

HIS CHARACTER IN THE
CHURCHES OF CHRIST, IS WELL KNOWN
AND WILL OUTLIVE ALL
MONUMENTAL INSRIPTIONS.
Robert Sandeman 1718-1771

- Born April 19, 1718
- Father, David, A Linen Merchant And Magistrate In Perth
- Attended University Of Edinburgh To Prepare For The Ministry In Church Of Scotland 0 1734
- As A Youth He Became Acquainted With Glas Ideas
- 1735 Choosing To Give Up Ministry Idea, He Returned To Perth To Begin An Apprenticeship In Weaving Business
- 1737 He Married Katherine, Daughter Of John Glas
- 1740 Set Up A Weaving Business
- 1756 His Brother Married Another Of Glas’ Daughters
Robert Sandeman 1718-1771

• 1744, Age 26 – Became Elder Of Perth Congregational Church
• Preached For Next 16 Years At Perth, Dundee & Edinburgh
• 1757 – Wrote 2 Volume Work, *Letters On Theron And Aspasio* Against James Harvey’s Teachings On Calvinism
  – James Hervey Had Written An Apologetic Of Calvinism Called *Theron And Aspasio* – 1755
  – As A Result Of Letters On ... Many English Congregational Churches Began Appearing
• 1761 – He And Brother William Went To London To Teach His Congregational Ideas
• By 1766 Many Congregational Churches Are In England
Glas Church In Edinburgh
Robert Sandeman 1718-1771

- **American Influence**
  - 1760 – Letters On Theron And Aspasio Appear In Colonies
  - 1763 – He Receives A Letter Urging A Visit To America
  - August 30, 1764 Sandeman Departs Scotland Arriving In Boston Harbor, Oct. 18, 1764
  - Glas/Sandemanian Churches Established In Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, & Other New England States

- **Sandeman Died In Danbury, Connecticut, April 2, 1771 At 53 Years Of Age, Two Years Before Glas In Scotland**
Some Beliefs Of The Glasites/Sandemanians

Believed They Could Reenact 1st Century Order In Christianity

• Denied Tenets Of Calvinism
• Had Lord’s Supper Every Sunday
• Observed Love Feasts
• Had Foot-Washings
• Mutual Exhortations
• Casting Lots, etc.
Robert & James Haldane

- 1798 – Started A Church In England After The Glas/Sandeman Order
- The Tabernacle Church – Beg. 1799 With 310 People
- L.S. Administered Every Sunday
- Weekly Collections Taken
- Operated Schools Throughout England
- Close Associate To Greville Ewing
- Associated With Baptists
Haldane Home – Airthrey Castle, Sterling, Scotland
Tabernacle Church Teaching

- N.T. Contained The Pattern For All Christian Service
- Apostolic Church Model Provided Church Model For All Ages
- Thus Teaching “Restoration” Or “Restitution”
- Congregational Autonomy
- Elders Served In Each Congregation, Teaching & Ruling
- Each Church Had Its Own Deacons & Minister
- Civil Authorities Had No Right In Church Matters
- Weekly Observance Of The Lord’s Supper
- By 1808 Both Haldanes Believed That Immersion Was The Only Proper Mode Of Baptism
- Haldanes Differed With Glas Over Discipline, Took A More Loving Approach
Greville Ewing

- 1767-1841 - Born In Edinburgh, Scotland
- Supported Mission & Congregationalism In Scotland
- Founding Member & Secretary Of Edinburgh (Later Scotland) Missionary Society, March, 1796

Street Where Ewing Lived In Glasgow
Influence Of Greville Ewing

- Met And Worked With Haldane Brothers Until 1808 Teaching In Schools, Preaching
- 1800-1839 – Minister Of Mother Church of Scottish Congregationalism, Glasgow, Scotland
- Instructed At University of Glasgow
- One Of His Students 1808,1809 Year Was Alexander Campbell

(Haldane Church Where Ewing Preached In Glasgow)

(Old Glasgow University)