

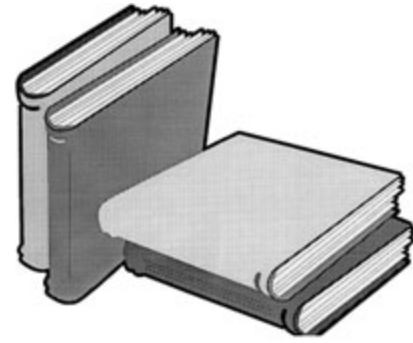
# The Rock and Pit

*Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,  
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

Isa 51:1

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## **The Erskine Brothers: 1. Ebenezer.**

Ebenezer Erskine (Scottish minister 1680-1754), at the commencement of his ministry, had been accustomed, like many of his brethren, to preach a jumble of legal and evangelical doctrine, with a constrained manner and a faithless memory, which he tried to aid by fixing his eye on a certain stone in the wall. But on coming to the knowledge of the truth, all was changed.

None succeeded so well in "bringing the Saviour and the sinner together," when proposing the overtures of the gospel in the tones of a deep voice, looking on his audience with perfect self-possession and a singular dignity of address. "Did you ever hear Ebenezer Erskine in the pulpit?" asked one of the brethren of a young minister, who replied that he had not. "Well then, sir," was the answer, "you have never heard the gospel *in its majesty*."

Thomas McCrie,  
*The Story of the Scottish Church*, 1874.  
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