

## REES, DAVID (1683? - 1748), Baptist minister and theological writer

**Name:** David Rees  
**Date of birth:** 1683?  
**Date of death:** 1748  
**Parent:** Rees David  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Baptist minister and theological writer  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Benjamin George Owens

He is said to have been born in 1683, the son of Rees David, a well-to-do farmer of the Caerphilly district and an active member of the Baptist church at Hengoed. Educated under [Samuel Jones](#) (1628 - 1697) at Brynllwarch, he appears to have been baptized and to have been induced to preach in the early 1700's during the early years of Morgan Griffiths's ministry. He was ordained minister of Lime-house, London, in 1709 and remained there until his death, 26 May 1748, at the age of 64.

He was responsible, on behalf of his church, for the article concerning the laying-on-of-hands included in the 1721 edition of the *Welsh Baptist Confession of Faith*, and acted as mediator in an Arminian controversy at Hengoed in 1730, but is best remembered for his disputation with Fowler Walker, Abergavenny, on infant baptism, and for his publications on the subject - (1) *Adnodau o rai Lleoedd Cabledus a Sarhaus o Lyfrau ... ar Fedydd Plant*, 1732, and (2) *Infant Baptism, No Institution of Christ ...*, 1734. He also published (3) *A Free and Sober Enquiry into the truth of certain paragraphs contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism ...*, 1736, (4) *Reasons for and against Singing of Psalms ...*, 1737, and three sermons entitled (5) *The State of True Religion in all ages ...*, 1726, (6) *A Modest Plea for the maintenance of the Christian Ministry ...*, 1729, and (7) *A View of the Divine Conduct, in the Government of this Lower World ...*, 1730. His funeral sermon, by Joseph Stennett, appeared under the title of *The Everlasting Covenant the best Support ...*, 1748.

### Author

**Benjamin George Owens**

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