

## John Wesley's Scriptural Christianity A Plain Exposition Of His Teaching On Christian Doctrine

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""Arminianism" was the subject of important theological controversies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and it remains an important position within Protestant thought. What became known as 'Arminian' theology was held by people across a swath of geographical and ecclesial positions; it developed in European, British, and American contexts, and it engaged with serious theological challenges. While standing together in their common rejection of the key tenets of Reformed theology, proponents of Arminianism took various positions on other matters. Some were broadly committed to catholic and creedal theology; others were more open to theological revision. Some were concerned primarily with practical concerns; others were engaged in system-building as they sought to articulate and defend an over-arching vision of God and the world. The story of this development is both complex and important for a proper understanding of the history of Protestant theology. However, this historical development of Arminian theology is not well known. In this book, Thomas H. McCall and Keith D. Stanglin offer a historical introduction to Arminian theology as it developed in modern thought, providing an account that is based upon important primary sources and recent secondary research that will be helpful to scholars of ecclesial history and modern thought as well as comprehensible and relevant for students"--

The story of the eighteenth century preacher David Brainerd has been told in dozens of popular biographies, articles, and short essays. Almost without exception, these works are celebratory, even hagiographic in nature, making him into a kind of Protestant saint, a model for generations of missionaries. This book will be the first scholarly biography of Brainerd, drawing on everything from town records and published sermons to hand-written fragments to tell the story not only of Brainerd's life, but of his legend.

### The Wesleys

John Wesley's Teachings: Issues of ethics and society

### Perceptible Inspiration

### Unleashing the Work of God

### A Historical Introduction to Arminian Theology

### Holy Love and the Shape of Grace

### The Lives of David Brainerd

*Exploring Christian Scripture: Issues, Themes, Books, Topics* John Wesley believed the Scriptures are a complete rule of faith and practice" and "they are clear in all necessary points." To this affirmation, Wesley immediately adds, "and yet their clearness does not prove that they need not be explained" The book you are holding emerged as a companion to a Scripture conference at Northwest Nazarene University. Many scholars at the conference contributed essays to this important book. About half of the essays address vital issues, such as biblical inspiration, inerrancy, interpretation, and authority. John Wesley's approach to the Bible is examined, and some essays explore how the Bible ought to be approached in a postmodern world. Other essays address crucial themes in various books of the Bible. These essays will help preachers and teachers greatly as they work to present the truths of Scripture to contemporary people. If understanding the Bible well is a high priority to you, this may become one of the most important books you'll ever read!

*Timeless Hospitality: Catechetical Evangelism in the Early Church and Its Recovery for Today* describes a church that has lost touch with its deep memory of evangelization, the recovery of that memory in catechetical ministry, and the practices that recovery spawns in the Church. After describing the social construction of faith communities, the book examines four core practices and their implications for the future. Evangelical Hospitality concludes with perennial principles from Christian communities that learn to construct faith cultures."--BOOK JACKET

*Timeless Teachings of John Wesley for the Modern-Day Christian* John Wesley's Teachings is the first systematic exposition of John Wesley's theology that encompasses all of his writings. Wesley was a prolific writer and commentator on Scripture—his collected works fill twenty-four volumes—and yet it is commonly held that he was not systematic or consistent in his theology and teachings. On the contrary, Thomas C. Oden demonstrates that Wesley displayed a remarkable degree of internal consistency over sixty years of preaching and ministry. This series of four volumes is a text-by-text guide to John Wesley's teaching. It introduces Wesley's thought on the basic tenets of Christian teaching: God and providence (volume 1), Christ and salvation (volume 2), the practice of pastoral care (volume 3), and issues of ethics and society (volume 4). In everyday modern English, Oden clarifies Wesley's explicit intent and communicates his meaning clearly to a contemporary audience. Both lay and professional readers will find this series useful for devotional reading, moral reflection, sermon preparation, and for referencing

Wesley's opinions on ecological recovery, moral relativism, enthusiasm, catholicity, experience, paradise, final justification, providence, and countless others.

Kevin M. Watson's synthesized explanation of Wesley's doctrine of perfect love. · Five end notes address Wesley's early doctrinal development, the impact of Aldersgate on his perfection doctrine, many testimonies of attaining perfection, and other relevant material from early Methodism. · Over 150 quotations from Wesley's sermons, writings, and letters offer unlimited clarification to his views on perfection. · The insights of many Wesley scholars are included: Albert Outler, Randy Maddox, Kenneth Collins, William Greathouse, Thomas Oden, Harold Lindstrom, Stephen Gunter, H. Ray Dunning, Theodore Punyon, plus many others. · A timeline details every event in Wesley's lifetime corresponding to A Plain Account. · Several exhaustive indexes are included: scripture, annotation, subject, author, Wesley quotations, and two synonym indexes from Wesley's Journal and A Plain Account. · The Essential Reading Section further empowers the study of Wesley's theology of perfection. Included are: o Twenty key sermons, along with their dates and locations in Wesley's Works (both the Jackson and Bicentennial editions). · Wesley's most important writings on perfection, listing their date and location in his Works. · 250 letters relevant to his theology of perfection. The index includes their date and location in Wesley's Works, with a brief description of their contents. Two additional volumes are planned in the series. John Wesley's Theology of Perfection will offer specialized studies for those wanting to dig deeper into Wesley's theology of perfection. The third volume, John Wesley's Doctrine of Christian Perfection, will present in systematic format every facet of Wesley's views on perfection. The projected release for both volumes is 2006 and 2007. Together, these three volumes will present one of the most thorough and exhaustive studies ever done on Wesley's most beloved.

### The Quest for Love Divine

### Evangelical Hospitality

### The Heart of John Wesley's Theology

### John Wesley's Pneumatology

### Revised Edition

The Harris Franklin Rall Lectures 1954, delivered at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois

### Moderatism, Pietism, and Awakening

"These lectures cannot claim to be more than a first, sketchy introduction to the theology of Wesley (without, in the main, discriminating between John and Charles). To those who know him they say nothing new; the others, of course, and the Methodists among them in particular, one would wish to convince at least that they ought to know him. For this purpose I speak freely for myself, even where he speaks against modern Methodism; but to keep in mind, and point out where necessary, that the last word about Christianity must be, here as always, not 'according to the Wesleys,' but 'according to the Scriptures.' The semi-homiletic style is chiefly due to the unregenerate nature of a preacher not really converted to acad

ascribed to the setting of the beautiful Garrett Chapel where the lectures were delivered, and to the generosity of those who had them recorded for me." —From the Author's Note

Thomas C. Oden's decisive role of African Christians and theologians in shaping the doctrines and practices of the church of the first five centuries, and makes an impassioned plea for the rediscovery of that heritage. Christians throughout the world will benefit from this reclaiming of an important heritage. The history of Wesley's family of churches doctrines. What are our core beliefs? Doctrinal Standards in the Wesleyan Tradition. Revised Edition narrates the history of the formation of Wesleyan doctrines, describing how they were transplanted from the British Isles to North America, how they became constitutionally protected in Wesleyan-rooted churches. The outcome of the 1988 General Conference of the United Methodist Church as the delegates decided many then-disputed doctrinal issues. This revised edition addresses the continuing hunger for more precise and useful information on the doctrinal traditions of mainline Protestantism. Hence the arguments have been updated with more than 400 changes, including the Evangelical United Brethren, Free Methodist, Methodist Protestant, Wesleyan, Nazarene, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and African Methodist Episcopal Churches; as well as an outline syllabus of a Course on the Articles of Religion.

Perceptible inspiration, a term used by John Wesley to describe the complicated relationship between Holy Spirit, religious knowledge, and the nature of spiritual being. Is not unlike the term 'Methodist' which was also coined by critics of Methodism during the eighteenth century in Britain. John Wesley's adversaries, especially the pseudonymous John Smith with whom he had a period of three years, frequently challenged the plausibility of direct spiritual sensation, which Wesley defended. What does Wesley mean by perceptible inspiration? What does the teaching reveal about the nature and existence of God in Wesley's thinking? What does it suggest about the spiritual nature of humankind? In John Wesley's Pneumatology, it is argued more than a sidebar of Methodist thought, offers a useful model for considering the various features of Wesley's views on the work of the Spirit in relation to human existence, participatory religious knowledge, and moral theology.

### Reading the Bible as Scripture

A Comparison of Two Methodist Preachers, John Wesley and George Whitefield

### Practicing Ourselves

### Pursuing Social Holiness

### An Annotated Summary

### A Man Of One Book?

### Ethics and Society

John Wesley (1703-1791) is the chief architect and source of inspiration to the teaching commonly referred to as Christian perfection. Among his many publications, the book that best summarizes his teachings on holiness is A Plain Account of Christian Perfection, as believed and taught by the Reverend Mr. John Wesley, from the year 1725 to the year 1777. For many years this timeless classic has been reproduced in various formats. Now, for the first time, John Wesley's 'A Plain Account of Christian Perfection' is being offered in a definitive Annotated Edition by Mark K. Olson. This edition is volume one in a projected three volume series. The Annotated Edition offers the following: · The entire text has been divided into chapters and verses for detailed study and cross-referencing. · The introduction examines in detail when and why Wesley wrote A Plain Account. · The verse by verse commentary discusses the history and background behind the text, offering unsurpassed explanation of Wesley's doctrine of perfect love. · Five end notes address Wesley's early doctrinal development, the impact of Aldersgate on his perfection doctrine, many testimonies of attaining perfection, and other relevant material from early Methodism. · Over 150 quotations from Wesley's sermons, writings, and letters offer unlimited clarification to his views on perfection. · The insights of many Wesley scholars are included: Albert Outler, Randy Maddox, Kenneth Collins, William Greathouse, Thomas Oden, Harold Lindstrom, Stephen Gunter, H. Ray Dunning, Theodore Punyon, plus many others. · A timeline details every event in Wesley's lifetime corresponding to A Plain Account. · Several exhaustive indexes are included: scripture, annotation, subject, author, Wesley quotations, and two synonym indexes from Wesley's Journal and A Plain Account. · The Essential Reading Section further empowers the study of Wesley's theology of perfection. Included are: o Twenty key sermons, along with their dates and locations in Wesley's Works (both the Jackson and Bicentennial editions). · Wesley's most important writings on perfection, listing their date and location in his Works. · 250 letters relevant to his theology of perfection. The index includes their date and location in Wesley's Works, with a brief description of their contents. Two additional volumes are planned in the series. John Wesley's Theology of Perfection will offer specialized studies for those wanting to dig deeper into Wesley's theology of perfection. The third volume, John Wesley's Doctrine of Christian Perfection, will present in systematic format every facet of Wesley's views on perfection. The projected release for both volumes is 2006 and 2007. Together, these three volumes will present one of the most thorough and exhaustive studies ever done on Wesley's most beloved.

For the first time, Thomas Oden's Systematic Theology classic series (individually titled The Living God, The Word of Life, and Life in the Spirit) is available in one complete volume. A renowned theologian, Oden provides a consensus view of the Christian faith, delving deeply into ancient Christian tradition and bringing to the contemporary church the best wisdom from its past. In this magisterial work, Oden tackles the central questions of Christian belief and the nature of the trinity. Written for clergy, Christian educators, religious scholars, and lay readers alike, Classic Christianity provides the best synthesis of the whole history of Christian thought. Part one explores the most intriguing questions of the study of God--Does God exist? Does Jesus reveal God? Is God personal, compassionate, free?--and presents answers that reflect the broad consensus held from the breadth of the church's teachers. It is rooted deeply and deliberately in scripture but confronts the contemporary mind with the vitality of the Christian tradition. Part two addresses the perplexing Christological issues of whether God became flesh, whether God became Christ, and whether Christ is the source of salvation. Oden details the core beliefs concerning Jesus Christ that have been handed down for the last two hundred decades, namely, who he was, what he did, and what that means for us today. Part three examines how the work of God in creation and redemption is being brought to consummation by the Holy Spirit in persons, through communities, and in the fullness of human destiny. Oden's systematic study not only treats the traditional elements of systematical theology but also highlights the foundational exegetes throughout history. Covering the ecumenical councils and early synods; the great teachers of the Eastern church tradition, including Athanasius and John Chrysostom; and the prominent Western figures such as Augustine, Ambrose, Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther, and John Calvin, this book offers the reader the fullest understanding of the Christian faith available.

This complete set of Thomas C. Oden's masterful study is a text-by-text guide to John Wesley's teachings. It introduces Wesley's thought on the basic tenets of Christian teaching: God, providence, and man (volume 1), Christ and salvation (volume 2), the practice of pastoral care (volume 3), and issues of ethics and society (volume 4).

Kevin M. Watson offers the first in-depth examination of an essential early Methodist tradition: the band meeting, a small group of five to seven people who focused on the confession of sin in order to grow in holiness. Watson shows how the band meeting, which figured significantly in John Wesley's theology of discipleship, united Wesley's emphasis on the importance of holiness with his conviction that Christians are most likely to make progress in the Christian life together, rather than in isolation. Demonstrating that neither John Wesley's theology nor popular Methodism can be understood independently of each other, Watson explores how Wesley synthesized important aspects of Anglican piety (an emphasis on a disciplined practice of the means of grace) and Moravian piety (an emphasis on an experience of justification by faith and the witness of the Spirit) in his own version of the band meeting. Pursuing Social Holiness is an essential contribution to understanding the critical role of the band meeting in the development of British Methodism and shifting concepts of community ineighteenth-century British society.

### The Sermons of John Wesley

### John Wesley's Interpretation and Use of the Bible

### John Wesley's Teachings, Volume 1

### The Meaning of Pentecost in Early Methodism

### The Theology of John Wesley

### The Necessity of Constant Word and Sacrament in Methodism

### The Lost Teachings of the Apostles, Hidden for Such a Time as This

*Are we Methodists ready for the work of God to be unleashed? Are we ready for Methodism to be the catalyst of yet another New Pentecost? God has decisively acted in Christ, and Christ says, "Do this."* Therefore, there is only one real answer, since "not ready" is not a valid response. For United Methodism to be revived, there can be no more such excuses. Christ showed us his presence and power through Constant Word and Sacrament praxis during the time of the Acts 2 church. Christ then again showed us his same divine presence and power through Constant Word and Sacrament praxis during the Methodist-Evangelical Revival. We have now been given two millennia to view this work of God. We Methodists were born of this work of God. How much more being made ready to unleash it do we require?

A rich articulation of John Wesley's theology that is appreciative of the old and mindful of the new, faithful to the past and attentive to the present. This work carefully displays John Wesley's eighteenth century theology in its own distinct historical and social location, but then transitions to the twenty-first century through the introduction of contemporary issues. So conceived, the book is both historical and constructive demonstrating that the theology of Wesley represents a vibrant tradition. Cognizant of Wesley's own preferred vocabulary, Collins introduces Wesley's theological method beginning with a discussion of the doctrine of God. "In this insightful exposition the leitmotif of holy love arises out of Wesley's reflection on the nature of the divine being as well as other major doctrines." (Douglas Meeks)

Wesley's TractsThis volume gathers together eight representative tracts from Wesley's pen and press.(1) The Principles of a Methodist-1742 The doctrinal controversy with the Calvinists over predestination unleashed by Wesley's 1739 Bristol sermon "Free Grace" brought him under fire. Clergy and laity took aim at Wesley in the pulpits and in the press. Not until 1742, however, did Wesley take the threats seriously. In Principles of a Methodist Wesley tried to clarify his teaching on salvation and Christian perfection.(2) Character of a Methodist-1742 In the early 1730s Wesley read and admired the sketch of a "Perfect Christian" drawn by Clement of Alexandria about A.D. 200. Ten years later Wesley decided to draw such a character himself, only this time using the words of scripture. He had a dual purpose in mind: not simply to expound Christian perfection under an alias, but also to define and defend Methodism as simply good old-fashioned scriptural Christianity.(3) Predestination Calmly Considered-1752At mid-career (1752) Wesley penned and published a summary of his rejection of the predestinarian position. It gathers up the threads of his earlier polemics and establishes the main lines along which the controversy would proceed spasmodically until his death.Both Calvinist and Arminian parties professed a common belief in the doctrines of the sovereignty of God and justification by faith alone. However, they disagreed on the proper role persons could play in the whole affair of salvation. Calvinists saw God's sovereignty threatened by Arminian talk of "free will" and any notion of cooperating response, even if empowered by God's grace. Wesley saw God's character defamed by reprobation and insisted that the gospel balanced God's sovereign grace with human moral responsibility. Pretending to be dialogue, Predestination Calmly Considered reflects these two rigid positions in a not so calm collision. (4) Plain Account of Genuine Christianity-1753John Wesley was fond of writing little sketches of the perfect Christian, although he never claimed this character for himself nor ascribed it to other living persons. His Plain Account of Genuine Christianity is designed to offer both a model of holy living to converts and an apology for Methodism's mission to outsiders. Who could quarrel with a religious movement that aimed to make people holy?(5) The Desideratum: or, Electricity Made Plain and Useful-1760John Wesley kept abreast of the literature on electricity, reading the reports of such scientists as Benjamin Franklin and Joseph Priestley. Though his claims for therapeutic use of electricity were exaggerated, Wesley's practice illustrates his commitment to scientific medicine that would be in harmony with knowledge of the natural world.(6) In 1762 John Wesley reissued Part I of the Doctrine of Original Sin, according to Scripture, Reason and Experience as a seventy-five page essay and published it separately with a new title: The Dignity of Human Nature. In both treatise and essay Wesley takes the Protestant hard line, asserting the utter importance of one's natural moral powers.(7) Short History of Methodism-1765In this765 sketch Wesley gives only a brief account of Methodist origins. The remainder of the small pamphlet document successive theological squabbles and schisms within the movement.(8) Thoughts Upon Slavery-1774In matters of human rights, slavery bothered Wesley the most. Methodism began with a vigorous anti-slavery heritage thanks to him. He read about slavery at Oxford, experienced the horrors of slavery firsthand in South Carolina in the 1730s. Forty years later he was moved to write a fifty-one-page tract entitled Thoughts upon Slavery. In it he repudiated those who argued the necessity of continuing slavery.

The Bible promises the renewal of all creation--a new heaven and earth--based on the incarnation, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For centuries this promise has been sidelined or misunderstood because of the church's failure to grasp the full meaning of biblical teachings on creation and new creation. The Bible tells the story of the broken and restored relationship between God, people, and land, not just God and people. This is the full gospel, and it has the power to heal the church's long theological divorce between earth and heaven. Jesus' resurrection in the power of the Holy Spirit is the key, and the church as Christ's body is the primary means by which God is reconciling all things through Jesus Christ. Jesus' ultimate healing of all creation is the great hope and promise of the gospel, and he calls the church to be his healing community now through evangelism, discipleship, and prophetic mission.

### After Arminius

### John Wesley's Teachings, Volume 4

### Rediscovering John Fletcher as John Wesley's Vindicator and Designated Successor

### A Systematic Theology

### John Wesley's 52 Standard Sermons

### The Bible Tells Me So

### The Band Meeting in Wesley's Thought and Popular Methodist Practice

The Reading and Preaching of the Scriptures in the Worship of the Christian Church is a multivolume study by Hughes Oliphant Old that canvasses the history of preaching from the words of Moses at Mount Sinai through modern times. In Volume 1, The Biblical Period, Old begins his survey by discussing the roots of the Christian ministry of the Word in the worship of Israel. He then examines the preaching of Christ and the Apostles. Finally, Old looks at the development and practice of Christian preaching in the second and third centuries, concluding with the ministry of Origin.

The preaching ministries of John Wesley and George Whitefield propelled them to the forefront of the eighteenth-century evangelical revival. Both self-professed "men of one book," one of the most visible ways in which they expressed their high regard for Scripture was through their desire to be "preachers of one book." This book seeks to compare various aspects of the full-orbed "preach and print" ministries conducted by Wesley and Whitefield. Committed to the principle that the "whole world was their parish," Wesley and Whitefield manifested their singular desire to be men of one book through preaching ministries that were by no means identical, yet equally committed to the spread of the gospel throughout the transatlantic world.

John Fletcher was an influential figure in the history of Methodism. This study, based on a reading of the primary sources in Fletcher and John Wesley, looks at Fletcher's pneumatological and dispensational themes, and examines Fletcher's relationship with Wesley and other significant figures of early Methodism in England and America. The author, professor of systematic theology at Asbury Theological Seminary, argues that Fletcher and Wesley agreed on the meaning of sanctification in light of the language of the Pentecost. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Six lessons on Christian living based on the lives of John and Charles Wesley, and on a variety of passages from Scripture.

### John Wesley's Teachings---Complete Set

### The Making of an American Evangelical Icon

### Rediscovering the African Seedbed of Western Christianity

### The Scripture Way of Salvation

### A Plain Account of Christian Perfection

### Men of One Book

### Wesley and Whitefield? Wesley versus Whitefield?

*The Rev. John Wesley (1703-1791), the founder of the Methodist Church for the Lord, a prolific writer, and a prestigious Oxford scholar. For over two centuries, his treasured sermons have provided keen insight, deep analysis, and provocative applications of the great truths of the faith for minister and layperson alike. Utilizing both primary and secondary works, John Wesley's 52 Standard Sermons: An Annotated Summary presents a concise yet useful report on each of his messages. Additionally, other pertinent historical and theological information on Wesley's life, culture, intrinsic/extrinsic influences, his understanding of Christianity, and his powerful exhortations of spiritual (re)formation and public philanthropy are presented--all with the goals of helping readers understand Wesley's call for Christian Perfection, developing proficient evangelism, and pursuing personal sanctification and piety. For pastors, for theologians, and for everyday Christians, this book is a handy resource for understanding Wesley, his doctrine, and, moreover, it provides insight into the great biblical truths that Wesley considered relevant for following Christ's great commandments of loving God and one's neighbor.*

*This is the blueprint for living out the first-century supernatural life! Sid Roth, host of Its Supernatural! Lost for centuries, this ancient text is the believers key to unlocking the supernatural lifestyle of first-century believers. In the book of Acts, we glimpse the world-changing community marked by passion, authenticity, and supernatural power that was the early Church. How did the early church cultivate these kinds of powerful believers? Where does the modern church fall short? And what if you could access the early Church's discipleship manual? Picture it: While browsing the stacks of a dimly lit library in the cavernous corridors of an Middle Eastern monastery, a young Greek Orthodox cleric stumbles upon a fragile parchment manuscript, containing ancient wisdom. The cleric's name was Pliothoes Bryennios, the year was 1873, the place was Istanbul, Turkey, and the incredible document he found was called the Diadoche. The Diadoche is a transformative step-by-step training program for new believers, and offers a window into the faith and practice of the earliest Gentile disciples, when Christianity was still within the fold of Messianic Judaism. Written for a culture where individuals had no knowledge of Jesus or the gospel, the Diadoche's timeless instruction is especially applicable for our current, postchristian era. Ancient Blueprints for the Supernatural contains the full text of the Diadoche along with extensive, revelatory commentary and application from Drs. Dennis and Jen Clark. You will: Discover how to live as a holy vessel in a godless society. Enter a new way of life that reveals Jesus of Nazareth to the world. Access the miraculous lifestyle that Jesus made possible through the Cross. Experience the presence and power of God through ancient practices such as persistent prayer, communion, baptism, and more. Gain wisdom for discerning false teaching and doctrine that obscures the fullness of Gods life and power. Uncover the Biblical definition of The One New Man, and what it means for you. Learn to live in watchful preparation for the Messiahs return. Unleash the timeless wisdom of the Diadoche into your life, and begin walking in the world-changing footsteps of the early church.*

*Charles Wesley and early Methodist women shaped Wesleyan theology and practice just as much as John Wesley. All these pioneers in the renewal of the church engaged together in a quest for love divine. That journey led them to timeless discoveries related to God's grace, the liberating nature of life in Christ, the joy of Christian discipleship, and the sense of purpose to be found in partnering with God in the celebration of beloved community. The early Methodist people learned their theology by singing it. "Faith working by love leading to holiness of heart and life." "Accountable discipleship." "The rediscovery of a missional church." Discover the meaning of sound bites like these as you explore these themes and more.*

*John Wesley and George Whitefield were in many ways larger-than-life figures during their own lifetimes and continue to be so today. Yet our ability to appreciate their abiding influence on contemporary Evangelical theology and practice is lacking if we consider them in isolation from one another. Our understanding of Wesley and the legacy of his public ministry is impoverished apart from considering Whitefield (and vice versa). This collection of essays explores the complex dynamics at work in the Wesley-Whitefield relationship, spanning a variety of theological, historical, and pastoral facets of their full-orbed public ministries. They serve as an invitation to grow in our awareness of their undoubted affinities and significant differences, all the while resisting the potential allure of either uncritically ecumenical "Wesley and" or uncharitably partisan "Whitefield versus" narratives.*

### Responsible Grace

### John Wesley's Practical Theology

### The Ecology of Sin and Grace: Overcoming the Divorce between Earth and Heaven

### Amazing Love

### Salvation Means Creation Healed

### God and Providence

John Wesley claimed to be a man of one book, and early Wesley scholarship accepted uncritically that the Bible was his supreme authority. In the late twentieth century, American Wesley scholars discussed what has been termed the Wesley Quadrilateral (the authority of the Bible, tradition, reason, and experience), and this to some extent helps explain the method by which Wesley read and interpreted the Bible. However, as modern biblical reader-response criticism has drawn attention to the central role of the reader in his/her interpretation of scriptural texts, Donald Bullen argues that Wesley came to the Bible as a reader with the presuppositions of an eighteenth-century High Church, Arminian Anglican, in which tradition he had grown up. He then found his beliefs confirmed in the scriptural text. Claiming to base all his beliefs on the Bible, he found himself in controversy with others who made similar claims but came to different conclusions. The implications of this are explored in depth.

Of special focus in this reflective overview of Wesley's theological convictions is highlighting the practical-theological dynamics of Wesley's work and suggesting possible implications for contemporary attempts to recover theology as a practical discipline. Another distinctive focus of this work is a systematic consideration of the integration of theological emphases traditionally divergent in Eastern and Western Christianity. The author also closely examines the consistency of Wesley's thought throughout his career.

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The relationship between John Wesley and George Whitefield has often been viewed as suffering from irreconcilable theological differences. Catholic Spirit: Wesley, Whitefield, and the Quest for Evangelical Unity in Eighteenth-Century British Methodism focuses on the key themes upon which both men agreed. It stresses the commonalities between the two leaders of British Methodism and illustrates the great lengths both went to in order to further the revival of the Christian religion in England and North America.

### Catechetical Evangelism in the Early Church and Its Recovery for Today

### Wesley's Tract, 1742-1774

### Doctrinal Standards in the Wesleyan Tradition

### Good News to the Poor

### The Scripture Way of Salvation: a Sermon on Ephes. II. 8

### Sermons on Several Occasions

### A Collection for the Christian Journey

*Taking its title from one of John Wesley's most important sermons, The Scripture Way of Salvation explores the soteriological content of Wesley's entire literary corpus (sermons, letters, theological treatises, journals, and the notes on the Old and New Testaments). Fundamentally a doctrinal study, it is historically sensitive to the subtle shifts and nuances of Wesley's continuing reflections about the processes of salvation and the nature of Christian life. Collins provides a clear discussion of Wesley's emerging views about the development and maturation of the Wesleyan tradition that undergirds and provides the framework for Wesley's way of thinking about the processes of salvation.*

*Develops the claim that sacramental and liturgical practices are central means by which a Church shapes the faith, character and consciousness of its members. Explores the relationship between worship and belief, the relationship between corporate worship and the formation of Christian persons and communities within ecclesial tradition, and the relationship between worship and our knowledge of ourselves, our world and God.*

*Argues that attention to the reform and renewal of worship and sacramental practice provides a framework for the theological, evangelical and sacramental renewal of mainline Protestant Churches.*

*The first presentation of John Wesley's doctrinal teachings in a systematic form that is also faithful to Wesley's own writings in ebook format. Wesley was a prolific writer and commentator on Scripture, yet it is commonly held that he was not systematic or internally consistent in his theology and doctrinal teachings. On the contrary, Thomas C. Oden intends to demonstrate here that Wesley displayed a remarkable degree of consistency over sixty years of preaching and ministry. The book helps readers to grasp Wesley's essential teachings in an accessible form so that the person desiring to go directly to Wesley's own writings (which fill eighteen volumes) will know exactly where to turn. This volume focuses on Wesley's doctrinal teaching. Other volumes in this series deal with his ethical and pastoral care teachings.*

### Examines John Wesley's radical commitment to the poor called "evangelical economics."

### Worship and Christian Identity

### How Africa Shaped the Christian Mind

### Catholic Spirit

### Classic Christianity

### Select Essays in Wesleyan Theology and Practice

### Christianity According to the Wesleys

### An Ancient Blueprint for the Supernatural

### John Wesley's Scriptural Christianity: A Plain Exposition of His Teaching on Christian DoctrineZondervan

In 2003, Methodists celebrated the 300th anniversary of the birth of their founder, John Wesley. Today, there are more than 300 Methodist denominations in 140 nations. Covering the activities of this group that plays an important role in the ecumenical movement through its many social and charitable activities in world affairs, this book offers more than 400 entries that describe important events, doctrines, and the church founders, leaders, and other prominent figures who have made notable contributions. It also includes: a list of commonly used acronyms, chronology of historical events, introductory essay on the history of Methodism, 15-page black-and-white photo spread, bibliography, listing of important libraries and depositories of Methodist materials. The impressive list of contributors includes more than 60 specialists who are academics, administrators, pastors, and theologians.

### John Wesley's Evangelical Economics

### Forty-Four Sermons

### The Reading and Preaching of the Scriptures in the Worship of the Christian Church, Volume 5

### John Wesley's Scriptural Christianity

### Historical Dictionary of Methodism

### A Plain Exposition of His Teaching on Christian Doctrine

### Wesley, Whitefield, and the Quest for Evangelical Unity in Eighteenth-Century British Methodism