



# WHAT IT MEANS TO BE METHODIST

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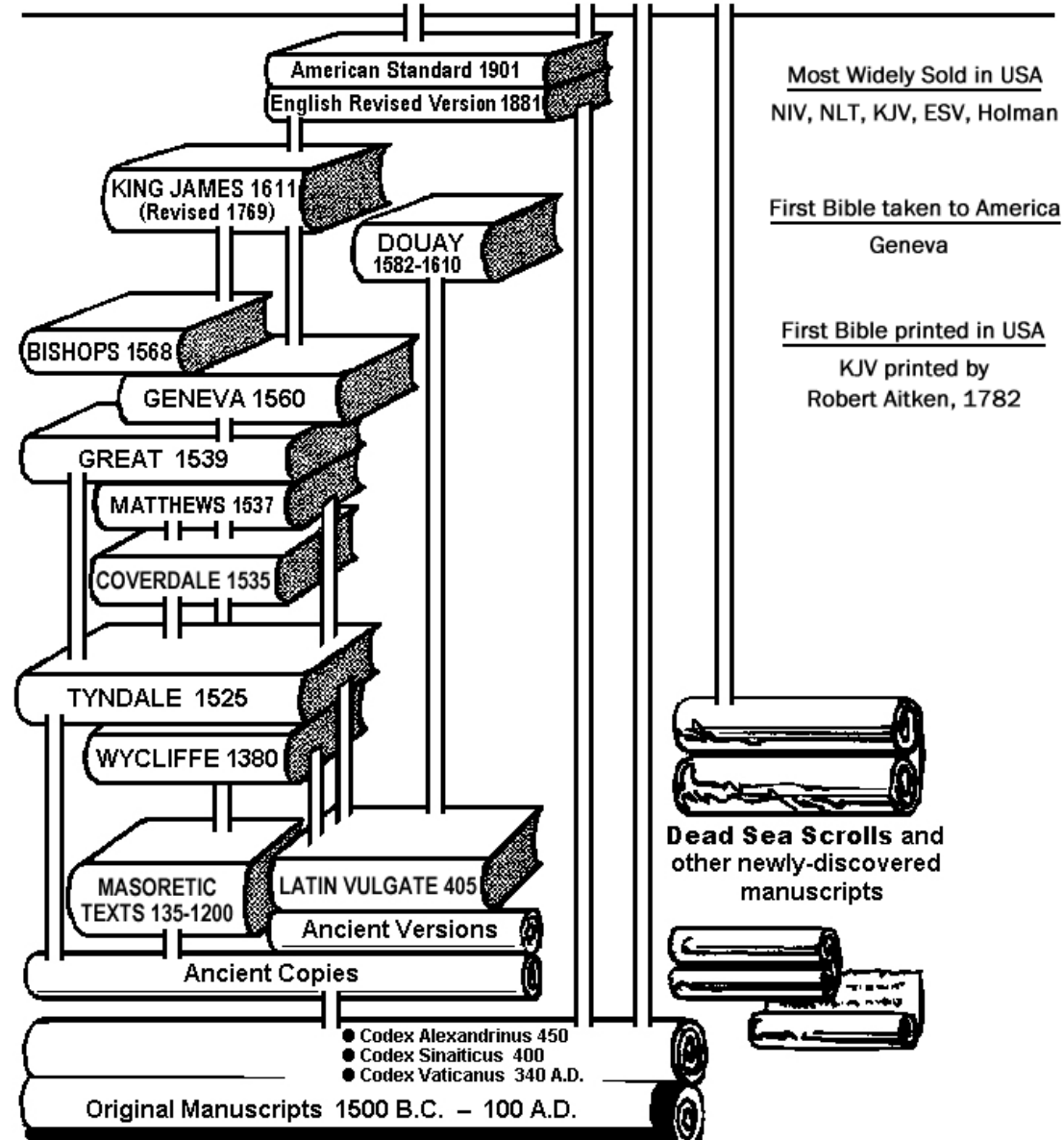
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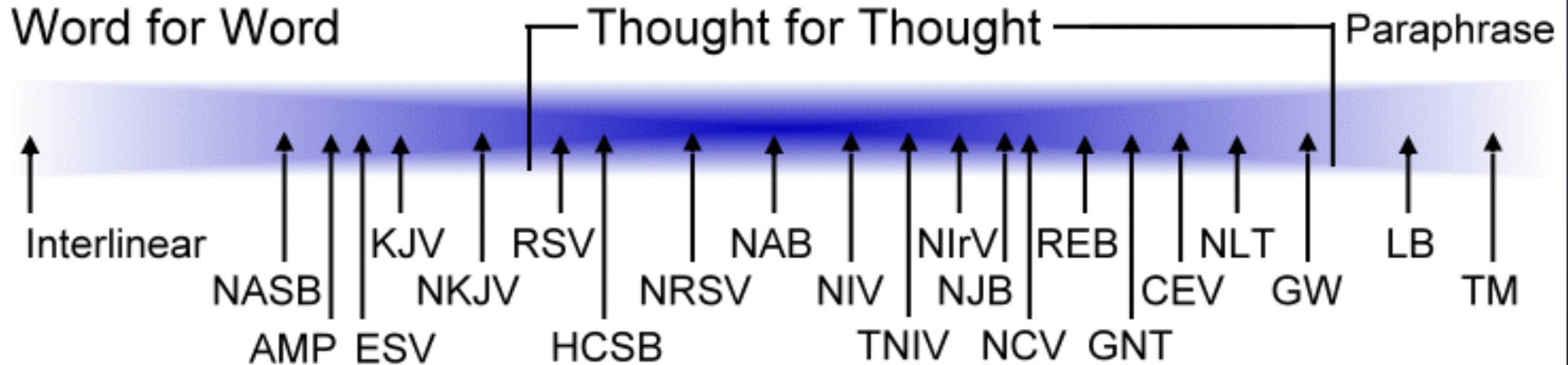
**BIBLE  
TRANSLATIONS**

MODERN  
ENGLISH  
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ESV 2001	Message 2002	Holman 2004
REB 1992	CEV 1995	NLT 1996
NIV 1978-84	NKJV 1982	NRSV 1989-90
NASB 1971	Living 1971	GNB/TEV 1976
Jerusalem 1966	NEB 1970	NAB 1970
RSV 1952	Berkeley MLB '59	Amplified 1965



# English Bible Translation Comparison



NASB - New American Standard (11.5)  
AMP - Amplified Bible (11)  
ESV - English Standard Version (8)  
KJV - King James Version (13)  
NKJV - New King James Version (9.5)  
RSV - Revised Standard Version (11)  
HCSB - Holman Christian Standard (8)  
NRSV - New Revised Standard (10.5)  
NAB - New American Bible (7)  
NIV - New International Version (8)  
TNIV - Today's NIV (7.5)

NirV - New International reader's (3)  
NJB - New Jerusalem Bible (7.5)  
NCV - New Century Version (3.5)  
REB - Revised English Bible (7)  
GNT - Good News Translation (6)  
CEV - Contemporary English (5.5)  
NLT - New Living Translation (6.5)  
GW - God's Word (4.5)  
LB - Living Bible (8.5)  
TM - The Message (4.5)

## Genesis 1:2

“Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. RSV

The earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. NRSV

Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss. The Message

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Psalms 20:7

Some boast of chariots, and some of horses; but  
we boast of the name of the LORD our God.



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1 Kings 10:14

Now the weight of gold that came to  
Solomon in one year was six hundred and  
sixty-six talents of gold

## Romans 16:7

Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. NIV

Greet Androni'cus and Ju'nias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners; they are men of note among the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. RSV



## John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and  
the Word was God. RSV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and  
the Word was a god. New World Translation

## Psalm 23

A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want; 2 he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



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*I shall not want.*

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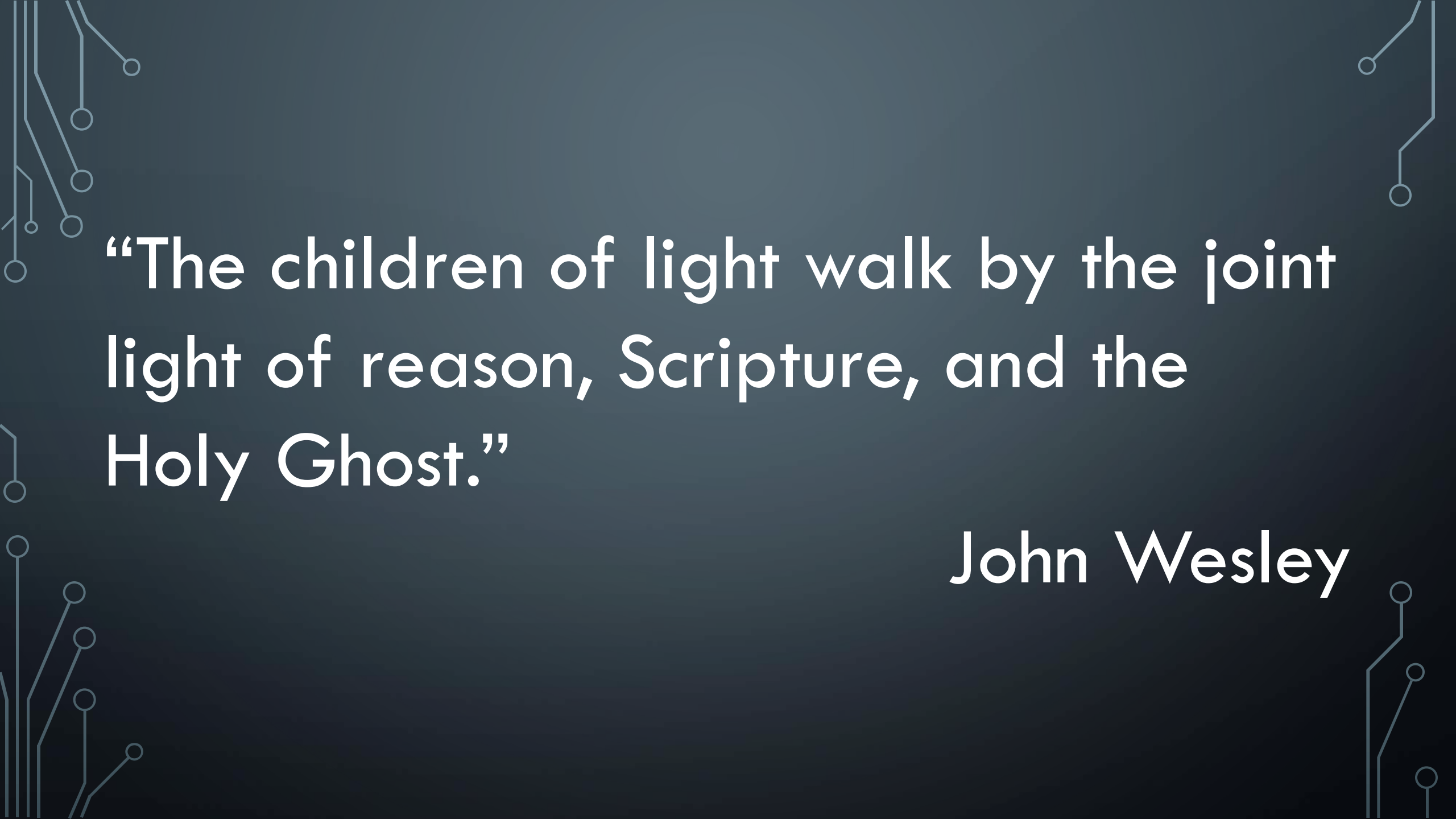
## Acts 17:22-24

So Paul, standing in the middle of the Are-op'agus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by man...



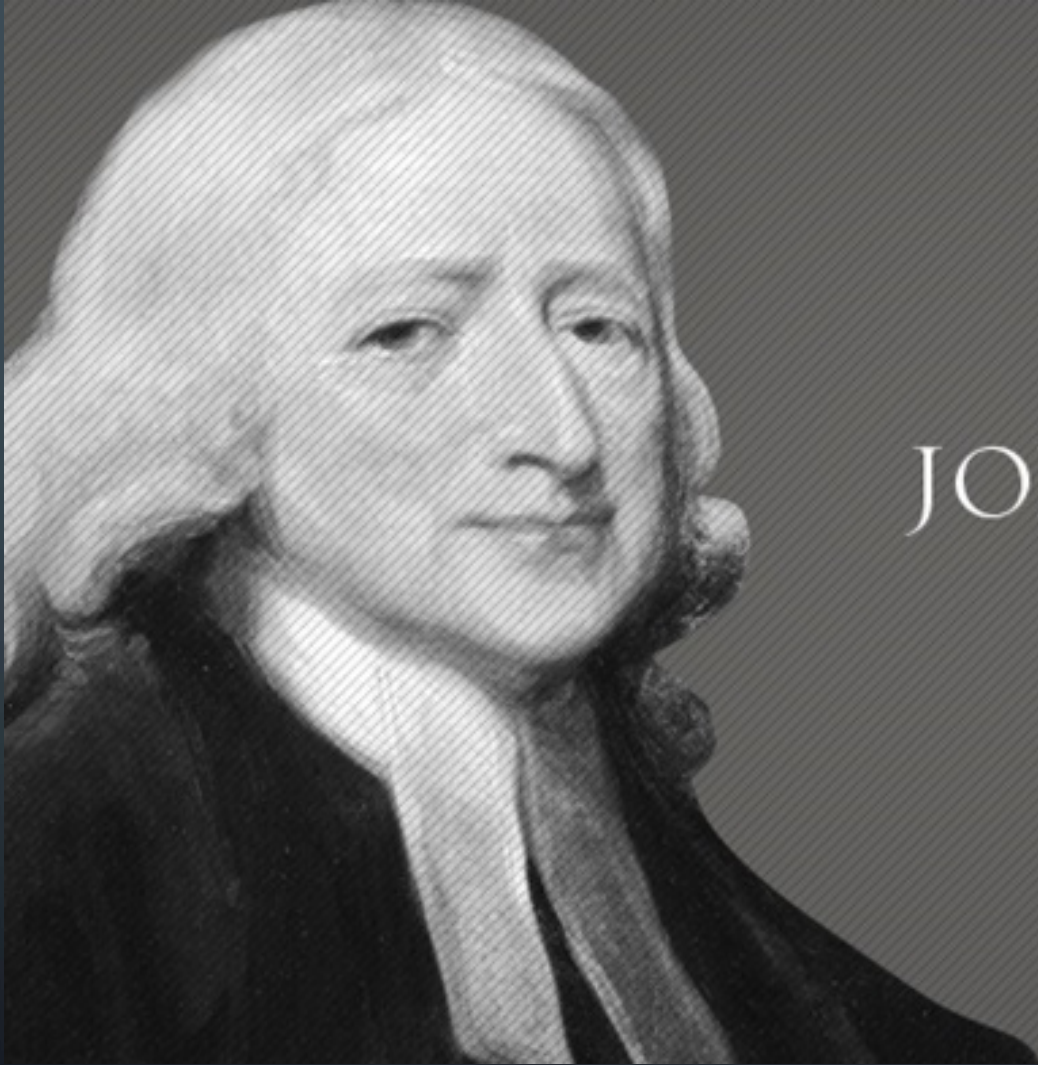
## Acts 10:9-18

The next day, as they were on their journey and coming near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. 10 And he became hungry and desired something to eat; but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance 11 and saw the heaven opened, and something descending, like a great sheet, let down by four corners upon the earth. 12 In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. 13 And there came a voice to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." 14 But Peter said, "No, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." 15 And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has cleansed, you must not call common." 16 This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven. 17 Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision which he had seen might mean, behold, the men that were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood before the gate 18 and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there.

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“The children of light walk by the joint  
light of reason, Scripture, and the  
Holy Ghost.”

John Wesley



JOHN WESLEY

1703–1791

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## Matthew 22:36-40

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” 37 Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”