

# The Prophetic Word Confirmed

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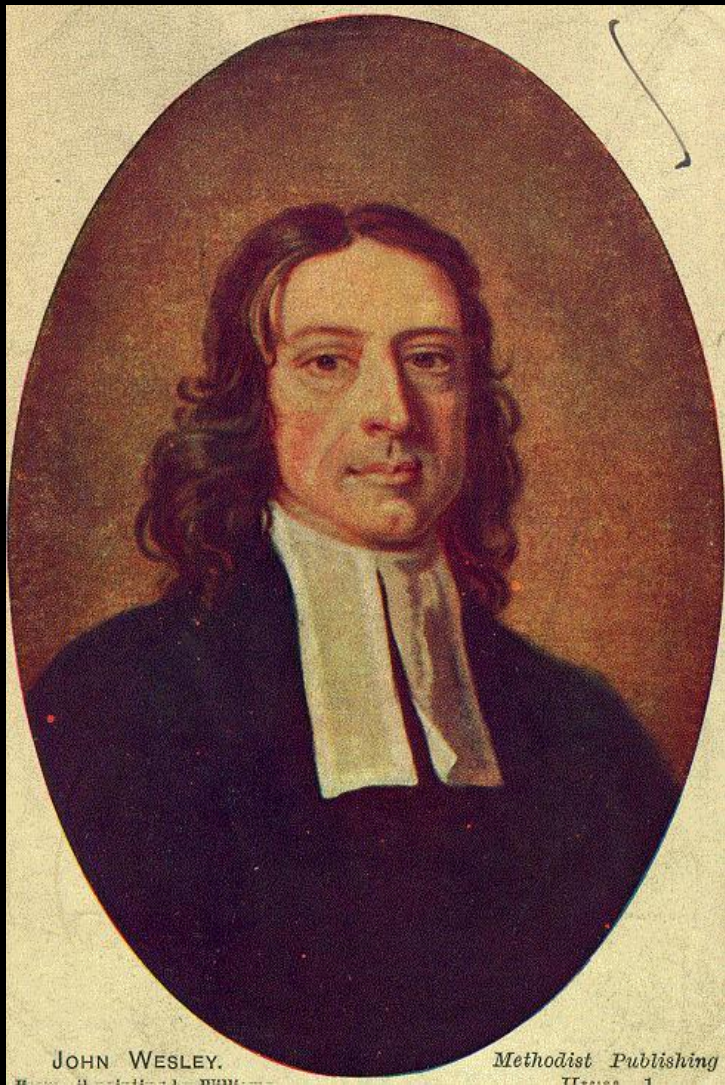
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# I. Greeting

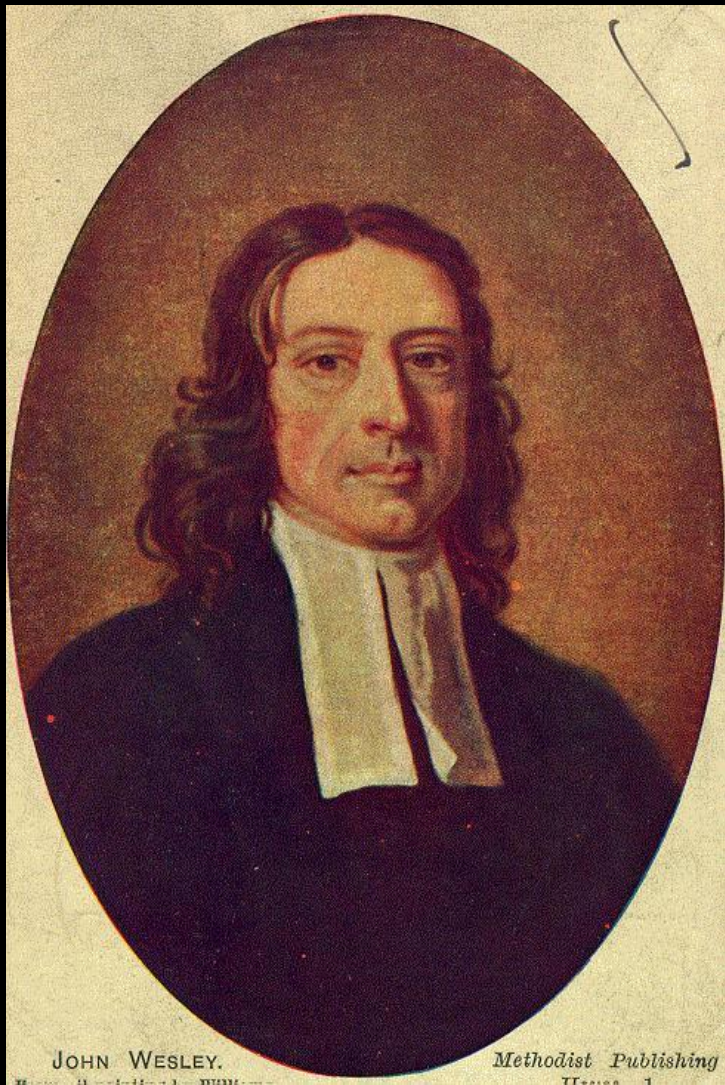
## 2 Peter 1:1-4



*May 24, 1738: I think it was about five this morning that I opened my Testament on those words: 'here are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, even that ye should be partakers of the divine nature (2 Pet. i. 4). ...*

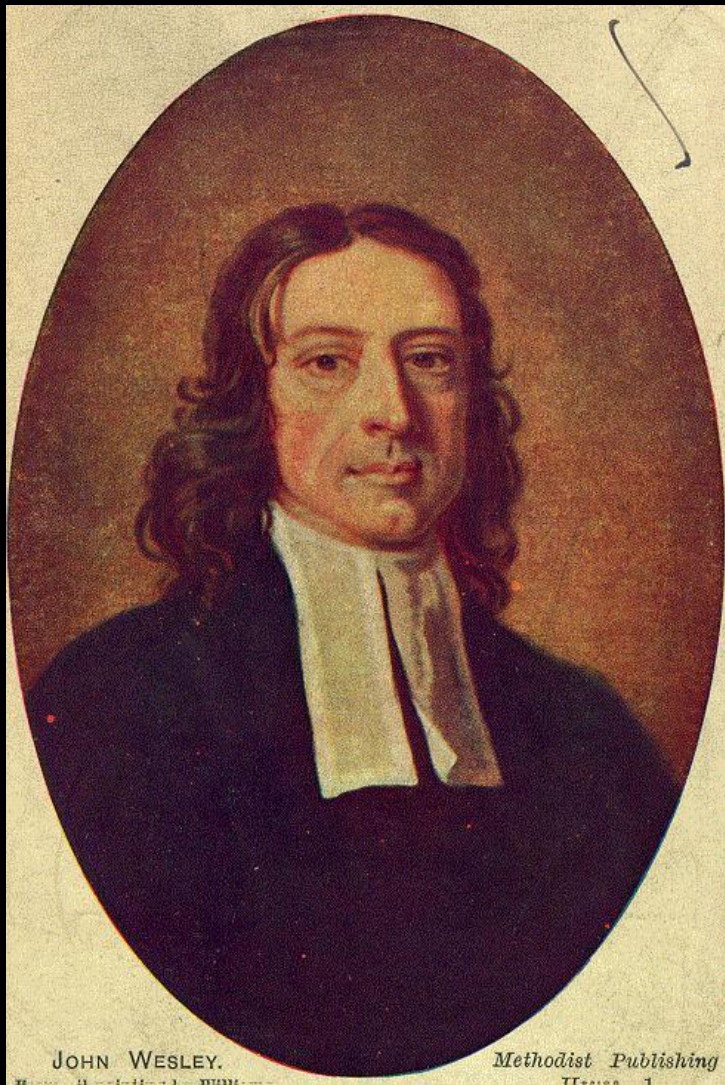
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*In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death. ...*

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*June 4 he wrote, “was indeed a feast-day. For, from the time of my rising till past one in the afternoon, I was praying, reading the Scriptures, singing praise, or calling sinners to repentance. All these days I scarce remember to have opened the Testament, but upon some great and precious promise. And I saw more than ever that the Gospel is in truth but one great promise from the beginning of it to the end.”*

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# II. Supplement Your Faith

## 2 Peter 1:5-11



John Calvin (1509 – 1564)  
French/Swiss Reformer

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*It is therefore faith alone which justifies, and yet the faith which justifies is not alone: just as it is the heat alone of the sun which warms the earth, and yet in the sun it is not alone, because it is constantly conjoined with light.*

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# 1 Corinthians 13:13

*So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

## 2 Corinthians 8:7

*But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.*

## 1 Timothy 1:5

*The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.*

# III. Peter's Departure

## 2 Peter 1:12-15



# IV. The Prophetic Word

**2 Peter 1:16-21**



## Charles Hodge (1797 – 1878) Princeton Theologian

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*The inspired penmen wrote out of the fulness of their own thoughts and feelings, and employed the language and modes of expression which to them were the most natural and appropriate. Nevertheless, and none the less, they spoke as they were proved by the Holy Ghost, and their words were his words.*

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Conclusions

## 1 Corinthians 3:12-15

*12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.*

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# Tony Evans, Pastor and Bible Teacher

*The authors of Scripture ... did not offer their own interpretation (1:20). Rather, they spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit (1:21). Thus, the Bible is uncontaminated and completely without error in the same way that the Holy Spirit protected Jesus from sin in his conception and birth, even though it included human involvement. Thus, we can confidently say that Scripture's true author is God.*

