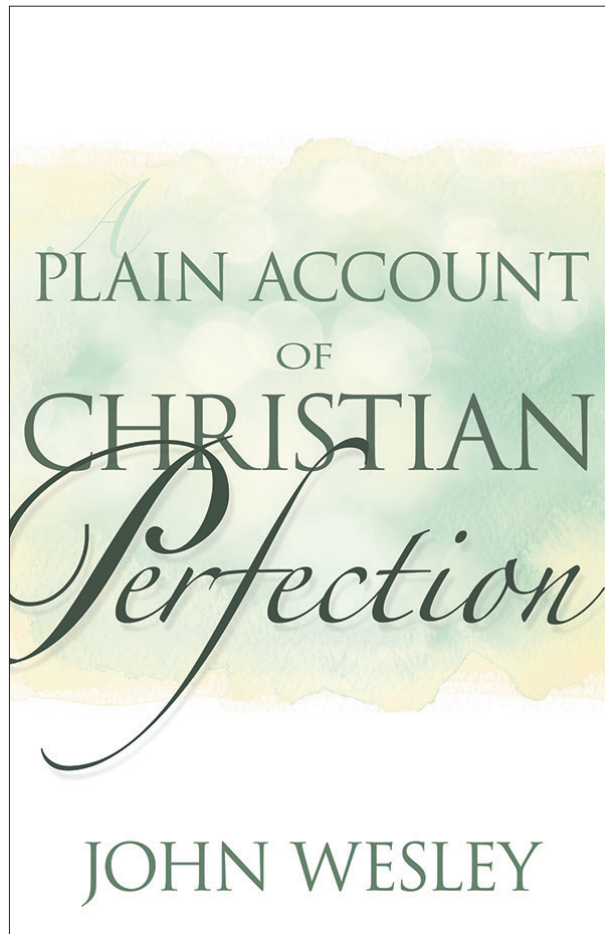


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In his classic book *A Plain Account of Christian Perfection*, John Wesley offers a comprehensive teaching on the doctrine of Christian perfection. In it, he describes the evolution of his own theological reasoning, telling the story of how he came to understand this doctrine in his own life and to preach it. In this work that is part autobiography, part spiritual contemplation, and part scriptural exegesis, Wesley shares tracts he wrote on the topic of perfection, describes the conflicts that sometimes arose over his ideas, reveals his own developing convictions, and offers probing queries for all believers to consider. Included at the end is an account of Wesley's personal experience of "entire holiness."

AUTHOR BIO John Wesley (1703–1791) is known for two things: cofounding Methodism and his tremendous work ethic. In the 1700s, when one's options for land travel included either walking, journeying by horseback, or riding in a carriage, Wesley logged more than four thousand miles a year. During his lifetime he preached about forty thousand sermons. In 1729, he became a tutor at Oxford University. While there, he founded a religious club that was nicknamed "the Methodists." Wesley preached his last sermon on February 23, 1791, and died a week later, on March 2, at the age of eighty-seven.