
John Wesley Distressed!

I am distressed. I know not what to do. I see what I might have done once. I might have said peremptorily and expressly, “Here I am; I and my Bible. I will not, I dare not vary from this book either in great things or small. I have no power to dispense with one jot or tittle of what is contained therein. I am determined to be a Bible Christian, not almost, but altogether. Who will meet me on this ground? Join me on this, or not at all.” With regard to dress in particular, I might have been as firm (and I now see it would have been far better,) as either the people called Quakers, or the Moravian brethren. I might have said, “This is our manner of dress which we know is both Scriptural and rational. If you join with us, you are to dress as we do; but you need not join us unless you please.” But, alas! The time is now past; and what I can do now, I cannot tell.
