

## WHAT A CHRISTIAN IS

(a paraphrase of Wesley's abridged version of "The Character of a Methodist", from *A Plain Account Of Christian Perfection*)

"The first tract I ever wrote expressly on this subject was published in the latter end of this year. That none might be prejudiced before they read it, I gave it the indifferent title of 'The Character of a Methodist.' ***In this I described a perfect Christian*** [emphasis added], placing in the front, 'Not as though I had already attained.'" – John Wesley

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- B. And a Christian, who has this hope of an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, thus full of immortality, *in everything* gives thanks, as knowing all circumstances (whatsoever they are) are the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning them.

From God therefore they cheerfully receive all, saying,

"Good is the will of the Lord;"

and whether He gives or takes away, equally they bless the name of the Lord.

Whether in ease or pain, whether in sickness or health, whether in life or death, they give thanks from the ground of the heart to Him who orders it for good; into whose hands they have wholly committed their body and soul, "as into the hands of a faithful Creator."

They are therefore "*anxiously careful*" for nothing, as having "cast all their care on Him that cares for them;" and "in all things" they are resting on Him, after "making their request known to Him with thanksgiving."

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