

‘PROGRESSIVE METHODISM’:

An insult to John Wesley

In recent weeks on Facebook **The Methodist Church** has been promoting an upcoming event scheduled to happen on Tuesday 11th March 2025. This is what they have been posting on Facebook –

Gather to get inspired, equipped and organised **for mission** at Wholehearted Monthly – a holy experiment connecting **diverse leaders** seeking transformation.

We’re learning from renowned guest speakers starting with **Nadia Bolz-Weber**: best-selling author, public theologian and **pastor**, bringing a wealth of wisdom to spark our inspiration.

It's free and there's still time to sign up at <http://eventbrite.co.uk/.../wholehearted-monthly-tickets...>

The graphic features a woman with tattoos, Nadia Bolz-Weber, sitting in a yellow armchair. The background is a pink and orange pattern. Text elements include: 'March 11 Tuesday', '7-9 GMT PM sign up now', 'wholehearted monthly' with a heart icon, 'online and immersive', 'monthly spiritual series', 'with special guest Nadia Bolz-Weber', 'live in conversation across the globe', and 'Hosted by The Methodist Church open to all'.

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When I saw the name of this speaker, **Nadia Bolz-Weber** it immediately rang alarm bells for me (that's not to overlook the alarm bells that also rang when I saw this picture of her – remember she's described as being a '**pastor**'). I recognised her name as she is mentioned in the excellent book '**Another Gospel**' by **Alisa Childers**. I always quote from this book when I am speaking on the subject of so-called '**Progressive Christianity**.'

At the start of chapter 10 (p 177) **Nadia Bolz-Weber** is quoted as having said –

'One of the most interesting things folks will say to me is "I'm not religious or anything. I just hope that being a good person is enough" to which I always want to say ... enough for what ... avoiding the punishment of burning in the eternal fires of **some kind of imaginary hell?**'

Clearly **Nadia Bolz-Weber**, and in line with many so-called '**Progressive Christians**,' rejects the Biblical truth of eternal conscious punishment in **HELL** for those who die without Christ as their Saviour.

This is the person that **The Methodist Church** is providing a public platform for. I mentioned **John Wesley** in the sub-title of this article and he had much to say on the subject and reality of **HELL** as you can read by going to this link –

https://www.azquotes.com/author/15507-John_Wesley/tag/hell

Here are just a couple by way of examples –

Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergymen or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of **Hell and set up the kingdom of Heaven upon Earth.**

Is it not common to say to a child, 'Put your finger in that candle, can you bear it even for one minute?' How then will you bear **Hell-fire? Surely it would be torment enough to have the flesh burnt off from only one finger; what then will it be to have the whole body plunged into a lake of fire, burning with brimstone?**

I acknowledge that there are areas where I do not see things as **John Wesley** saw them but on the subject and reality of **HELL** we are certainly in agreement and so this invite by **The Methodist Church** to **Nadia Bolz-Weber** is most certainly an insult to the memory of **John Wesley**.

This is just the latest insult to the memory of **John Wesley** as back in 2022 it was decided that his chapel in Bristol could be used for so-called '**same-sex marriages**' as you can read on this link –

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-61981557#:~:text=The%20world's%20oldest%20Methodist%20building,the%20Methodist%20movement%20John%20Wesley>

I think it is worth noting the presence of female so-called **pastors** or **ministers** in all of this 'downgrade' of **The Methodist Church** and for me it backs up what Pastor John MacArthur said as you can read on –

<https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/john-macarthur-says-women-should-maintain-submission-to-men-in-all-churches-in-all-times>

'Paul's teaching said that women were to "maintain submission to men in all churches, in all times" and that it was a sign of the Church's rejection of God's word that so many denominations had female pastors.'

and also on

<https://www.gty.org/library/questions/QA127/can-women-serve-as-pastors-and-elders-in-the-church>

'While the ministry of women is essential to the church's proper working and health, only men are given the responsibility to serve as pastors and elders. Although Scripture is quite clear on this point, there are many individuals, churches, and denominations that choose to disobey the Lord's will in this regard and allow women to function in pastoral and teaching roles. But God's church will be blessed and will honor Him only as it follows the plan He has revealed in the Bible.'

Sadly, in recent decades **The Methodist Church** (as of course have other mainline denominations – don't forget the female Episcopal 'Bishop' who spoke at the prayer service on the day that President Trump was inaugurated) has chosen to disregard the clear Biblical guidance and instruction on who is qualified for the roles of **pastors** or **ministers** and now they are becoming no less than a modern-day “**synagogue of Satan.**”

In closing there is a very helpful critique of the beliefs and 'ministry' of **Nadia Bolz-Weber** on the following link and I highly commend it –

<https://www.monergism.com/nadia-bolz-weber>

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