

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!
 Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of July 14, 2019

Sunday School ----- 12
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 30
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 15
 Wed. Evening Service, 07/17/19 ----- 11

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of July 14, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 906.26
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 45.00
Total Received for Week of 07/14/19: \$ 951.26

- Week of July 7, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 650.75
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 151.00
Total Received for Week of 07/07/19: \$ 801.75

- Week of June 23, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 575.02
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 45.00
Total Received for Week of 06/23/19: \$ 620.02

- Week of June 16, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 196.60
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 26.00
Total Received for Week of 06/16/19: \$ 222.60

- Week of June 9, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 633.10
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 68.97
Total Received for Week of 06/09/19: \$ 702.07

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to
 operate the church EACH WEEK,
as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. Admit that you are a sinner.
2. Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.
3. Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.
4. You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).
5. By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.



Please Remember To Be Faithful To Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today - OK?** Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
 Lois Mae Floyd ----- Pianist/ Organist
Volunteer Needed! ----- Greeter
 Larry Byars ----- S.S. Teacher
 Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain ----- Outreach
 Bertha Segebarr ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White



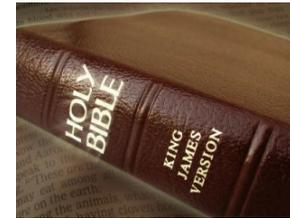
AUDITORIUM AIR CONDITIONER REPAIR FUND

Total Repair Cost, unit repaired 05/17/19 ----- \$ 4,800.00
 Amount received thusfar ----- \$ 649.97

TOTAL AMOUNT STILL NEEDED TO PAY OFF: \$4,150.03

Thank You For Your Generous Help With This Need!

REMINDER



One Book Stands Alone

(continued)

by Dr. Douglas D. Stauffer

The Deity Of Christ Denied In The Modern Versions

“For if the true New Testament text came from God, whence came the erroneous variant readings ultimately save from the evil one; and how could the true text have been preserved save through the providence of God working through His Church?”

- Edward F. Hills

For decades now, modern versions have been hitting the market at the rate of several per year. As a result, we now have hundreds of different versions on the market. **How did it all begin?** To answer this question, we must revisit the early formative years of the modern debate concerning updating the Word of God.

The first modern version to appear on the market was the **English Revised Version** (ERV) of 1881. It was supposed to be a revision of the KJB but became a new translation in and of itself. The **American Standard Version** (ASV) was first published in 1901 in America as a revision of the 1881 English Revised Version.

The ERV and the ASV are the great granddaddies of all the modern translations. They initiated the changes that are so common today. *These versions also included study footnotes for the reader.* Examining the footnotes found in these early versions, one can quickly ascertain the thoughts and intentions of the earliest revisers. Although its copyright page claims the ASV to be a revision of the King James Bible, it is not.

The **claimed** purpose of this older translation, as well as the **stated** purpose of today's translations, is simply to modernize the language and render these versions easier to read and understand. **If the intention of the revisers was merely to modernize the language of the King James Bible, why then do these modern versions all attack the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ?**

JESUS - EQUAL WITH GOD

As we have seen, the King James Bible clearly declares the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ time and again. If Christ was not in fact God manifest in the flesh as He claimed to be, He was the great deceiver. If His claims to be equal with God were false, everything He said could be questioned. However, He was and is God and did not think it robbery of God's glory to claim it for Himself.

(KJB) Philippians 2:6 - "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God..."

The NIV again subtly denies the deity of our Lord and Saviour by stating that equality with God was not something to be grasped. Grasped by whom? By man or Jesus Himself?

(NIV) Philippians 2:6 - "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped..."

All of these truths about the Lord Jesus Christ must eventually disappear in order for Satan to complete his deception (II Thessalonians 2:4). Some would have us believe we should simply accept these verses and fallacies, since the truth can be found elsewhere in most of the modern versions. Not so! We must recognize these warning signs as satanic attacks on something that is holy and pure.

The modern versions apparently have a motive other than simply revising the language of the Bible. From the preceding examples, it is clear that they instead shape and support an agenda to dethrone Jesus Christ as "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).

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The modern versions come and go, but the King James Bible cannot be dethroned. A typical justification for the existence of the modern versions is their supposed readability. The underlying premise is that our understanding of the modern languages evolved into something superior to that in 1611 and we have older and better manuscripts now. These false presumptions are dealt with in later chapters, but why do we have so many different versions? The preface to the New American Standard (a version that has fallen upon hard times too) gives great insight as to why so many have been produced. None of them can stand the test of time.

The ASV was heralded as a replacement for the KJB when it was published in 1901. Twenty-three years later it went broke and sold its copyright to the National Council of Churches. According to the preface of the New American Standard, the Lockman Foundation realized that the ASV had fallen into disuse. Quoting from the preface of the NASV:

The producers of this translation were imbued with the conviction that interest in the American Standard Version should be renewed and increased. Perhaps the most weighty impetus for this undertaking can be attributed to a disturbing awareness that the ASV of 1901 was fast disappearing from the scene.

A modern version bible publisher had a conviction (\$) that interest in their copyrighted text (\$) should be renewed and increased. They were disturbed that their version was disappearing from the scene (i.e. the lucrative bible market \$). Of course, their motive had nothing to do with money (I Timothy 6:10).

Here is the typical position of the modern day Bible critic as expressed in a book published in 1999. The first paragraph refers to a quote from a century earlier before the Bible version debate had heated up. The next two paragraphs update their position and reveal the infidelity involved in preaching from a book one does not believe.

We do not needlessly amend our Authorized Version. It is faulty in many places, but still it is a grand work taking it for all in all, and it is unwise to be making every old lady distrust the only Bible she can get at, or what is more likely mistrust you for falling out with her cherished treasure. Correct where correction must be for truth's sake, but never for the vainglorious display of your critical ability.

Not one word of God's Word has been lost to us. And in the cases where we may not be sure which variant most accurately repeats the original wording, not one doctrine is affected. Not one truth is compromised.

But the fact is, most of us trying to preach Christ are doing so out of the King James Version. We love and honor it.

What is the point?

Twofold: even some great preachers from a century earlier did not understand the issue, and it is easy to justify preaching from a book that you do not believe if your audience does not know what you truly believe. The modern critic teaches that there is no

significant difference between the underlying Greek texts, no significant differences between the resultant bible versions, and I suppose no issue to discuss. The fact that they are using a Bible that they do not believe matters not to them. ÷

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

‘ ***HAMAS LEADER CALLS ON PALESTINIANS TO KILL JEWS IN ALL THE WORLD*** - A senior member of Gaza's Islamist rulers Hamas has encouraged Palestinians across the globe to kill Jews, drawing outrage from both Israeli and Palestinian officials as well as a UN envoy. In video from a speech to participants of weekly protests on Friday, Fathi Hamad, a member of the movement's top political body, can be seen calling on Palestinian Arabs across the globe to carry out attacks.

“If this siege is not undone, we will explode in the face of our enemies, with God's permission. The explosion is not only going to be in Gaza but also in the West Bank and abroad, God willing.... Seven million Palestinians outside, enough warming up, you have Jews with you in every place. You should attack every Jew possible in all the world and kill them.”

Hamas is considered a terrorist organisation by the United States, European Union and others. Ofir Gendelman, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, said on Twitter, “Now you know why we protect the border with Gaza from Hamas.” ... In a statement Monday afternoon, Hamas distanced itself from Hamad's words. ... The Hamas charter refers numerous times to the Muslims' struggle against the Jews.

- from “Hamas Backtracks,” Arutz Sheva, Jul. 15, 2019

‘ ***TRASHING AMERICA'S FOUNDING FATHERS*** - A large percentage of Americans have been brainwashed to hate the nation's Founding Fathers. The latest evidence is the decision by the San Francisco Board of Education to paint over a 13-panel mural of scenes from George Washington's life at George Washington High School, because of the “violent” and “degrading” imagery (“San Francisco school board votes to paint over,” Washington Post, June 28, 2019). One panel shows frontiersmen standing by the dead body of a Native American, while another shows Washington at Mount Vernon among his slaves.

The painting simply depicts the reality of America in the 18th century, which was far from perfect but also far more committed to human rights than any other nation at that time! The Leftist elites and their pop culture minions who are trashing the Founding Fathers are ignorant of history, as well as hateful of the Bible upon which America was founded, which is the fundamental issue.

America's Founding Fathers were not perfect. There was only one Perfect Man in human history. But the Founding Fathers were ground-breaking pioneers in human rights. What other nation in the 18th century did better? What other nation produced a Bill of Rights like America's? What other nation fought a terrible Civil War to finally bring those rights to all citizens? There was widespread opposition to slavery from the time of the

founding of the American colonies, and many of the Founding Fathers were opponents, but abolition became a groundswell movement during the Second Great Awakening, both in America and England.

It was the Bible that taught the British and the Americans to renounce slavery. The culmination in America was the Civil War of 1860-65. The Democratic Party was the party of Southern slavery. The Republican Party was founded in 1856 as a coalition of political groups opposing slavery, and Abraham Lincoln, elected in 1860, was the first Republican Party president. Eleven Democrat-controlled states seceded from the Union following his election. It was a Republican president who issued the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, and it was a Republican-controlled Congress that passed the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolishing slavery in 1865. What great nation have the Leftist elites built? What great nation has Atheism built? What great nation has Darwinian evolution built? What great nation have pop stars, Hollywood entertainers, and professional football players built? They build nothing; they only tear down; and even little children can destroy what wise men build.

‘ ***GEORGE WASHINGTON AND SLAVERY*** - George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army and America's first President, inherited slaves and would have freed them, but he was forbidden by Virginia law to do so. At great personal cost, he vowed that he would not sell any of his slaves even though he could have benefitted financially from doing so. At a time when he was struggling financially, the sale of just one slave would have brought him enough income to pay his estate taxes for two years, but he refused. He also refused to hire out his slaves, because he did not want to break up their families. He said, “To sell the overplus I cannot, because I am principled against this kind of traffic in the human species. To hire them out is almost as bad because they could not be disposed of in families to any advantage, and to disperse [break up] the families I have an aversion” (Washington letter to Robert Lewis, Aug. 18, 1799, Washington's Writings, 1980, Vol. 37, p. 338).

Washington was instrumental in having a federal law passed in the first year of his presidency (1789) prohibiting slavery in the new American territories. As a result, the new states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin all prohibited slavery. Daniel Webster described Washington's efforts to abolish slavery in America: “Soon after the adoption of the Constitution, it was declared by George Washington to be ‘among his first wishes to see some plan adopted by which slavery might be abolished by law’; and in various forms in public and private communications, he avowed his anxious desire that ‘a spirit of humanity,’ prompting to ‘the emancipation of the slaves,’ ‘might diffuse itself generally into the minds of the people;’ and he gave the assurance, that ‘so far as his own suffrage would go,’ his influence should not be wanting to accomplish this result” (Webster, “Address to the People of the United States, ... to Lift Our Public Sentiment to a New Platform

of Anti-slavery,” Jan. 29, 1845). Washington liberated his slaves upon his death, and in his will he required that young ones be educated to read and write and taught a useful occupation.

‘ ***JOHN QUINCY ADAMS AND SLAVERY*** - John Quincy Adams, sixth President of the United States and son of John Adams, second President of the U.S., was called the “Hell Hound of Abolition” for his persistent efforts to end slavery. In 1837, he said that the nation's founders were opposed to slavery. “The inconsistency of the institution of domestic slavery with the principles of the Declaration of Independence was seen and lamented by all the southern patriots of the Revolution; by no one with deeper and more unalterable conviction than by the author of the Declaration himself [Thomas Jefferson]. No charge of insincerity or hypocrisy can be fairly laid to their charge. Never from their lips was heard one syllable of attempt to justify the institution of slavery. They universally considered it as a reproach fastened upon them by the unnatural step-mother country [Great Britain] and they saw that before the principles of the Declaration of Independence, slavery--in common with every other mode of oppression--was destined sooner or later to be banished from the earth” (“An Oration Delivered Before the Inhabitants of the Town of Newburyport, at Their request, on the Sixty-first Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.” July 4, 1837).

‘ ***OTHER FOUNDING FATHERS AND SLAVERY*** - **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN** owned slaves, but he became an abolitionist later in life and liberated his slaves. He was the president of the Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery and the Relief of Negroes Unlawfully Held in Bondage.

BENJAMIN RUSH, signer of the Declaration of Independence, denounced slavery in his tract On Slave Keeping (1773). He called it a “vice which degrades human nature.” He called on Americans to oppose it. “Remember the eyes of all Europe are fixed upon you, to preserve an asylum for freedom in this country after the last pillars of it are fallen in every other quarter of the globe.”

JOHN JAY, first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court (1789-95), author of five of the Federalist Papers, and Governor of New York, was a leading opponent of slavery. “His first two attempts to end slavery in New York in 1777 and 1785 failed, but a third in 1799 succeeded.” All slaves in New York were emancipated before his death in 1829.

NOAH WEBSTER, who had a major influence on the U.S. Constitution through his 1787 essay An Examination into the Leading Principles of the Federal Constitution, called for slavery to be abolished in the United States. He founded an antislavery group called the Connecticut Society for the Promotion of Freedom. His influential Blue-Back Speller included an essay by Thomas Day calling for the abolition of slavery. Day argued that this was in accordance with the nation's Declaration of Independence. He warned Americans that consistency required that they either acknowledge the rights of the Negroes or surrender their own rights. ÷