

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Bertha Segebarrr
Cradle Roll 2: Janet Bridges
6:30 P.M. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
Cradle Roll 2: Hannah Dietrich
Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Brian Crawford
Cradle Roll 2: Rana Crawford

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of August 17, 2014

Sunday School ----- 7
Sunday Morning Service ----- 32
Sunday Evening Service ----- 19
Wed. Eve. Service, 08/20/14 -----19

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of August 17, 2014

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,385.00
Total Received for Week of 08/17/14: \$ 1,385.00

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

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INSURANCE FUND REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2014:

Monthly Requirement ----- \$ 329.66
Amount Received thusfar during Aug., 2014 ----- \$ 0.00
Amount STILL NEEDED BY 09/05/14: \$ 329.66

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 ----- Organist
Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian
Shayne Hooper, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford ----- Outreach
Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford

REMINDER

JOIN OUR MEN AND LADIES STUDY GROUPS AS THEY LEARN ABOUT -



'For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.'

- Ephesians 6:12

EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO LEARN THE PRINCIPLES OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE!

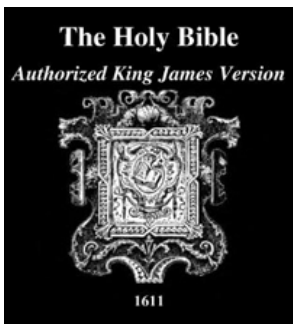
THOSE WHO ATTEND WILL FIND OUT:

- WHO THEIR ENEMY REALLY IS
- HOW TO RESIST THE DEVIL AND CAUSE HIM TO FLEE
- HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELF AND THEIR FAMILY FROM SPIRITUAL ATTACK
- HOW TO RECOGNIZE A SPIRITUAL ATTACK, AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT
- HOW TO FIGHT BACK
- THE WEAPONS OF OUR SPIRITUAL WARFARE

OUR MEN'S STUDY IS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 5:30

OUR LADIES ARE STUDYING THIS MATERIAL

AT 6:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS



WHY YOU SHOULD USE THE KING JAMES BIBLE

by Dr. David L. Brown

The battle over Bible versions rages on. However, I have settled that issue in my mind,

based on the facts, many years ago. But, I know there are many people in the pews of our churches who still struggle with the Bible Version issue. I regularly get phone calls from people who have heard that I stand for the Received Text and the King James Bible. They ask me, "Why do you advocate the use of the King James Bible?" and/or "Isn't this version or that version a good version?"

In a clear, concise and uncomplicated way, I want to explain to the Christian struggling with the version issue, why I came to the conclusion that the King James Bible is the best version available in the English language today.

As you are reading this report, there are high stakes races on, in the publishing world, to come out with, so called, "newer and better" versions of the English Bible. And, what is their motive? There are countless versions of the English Bible on store shelves today. In my local "Christian" bookstore I believe there were about 24 different English Versions available.

Is there some noble spiritual objective behind all these modern versions like there was with William Tyndale, Myles Coverdale, John Rogers, those behind the Geneva and King James Bible? I think not! The truth be known, I fear that the publishers are rooting for revenue in the religious pipeline.

Now, for a moment, let's cut the publishers some slack. Let's assume, for the sake of argument, that they have noble motives. Will noble motives make their translations come out better? The answer is NO! Here's why. They are building on the wrong foundation, right from the start! There are basically only two foundations that Bible translations have been and are being built upon. It is either the foundation of faith or the foundation of doubt.

THE FOUNDATION OF FAITH

Let's begin with the foundation of faith. The key issue is this: I believe that God inspired the original writings of the Bible, which are called the autographs. There are many verses that teach this. Here are two key verses that I want you to see...

□ *"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation (that is, they did not originate with man). For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:20-21).*

□ *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Timothy 3:16).*

But, there is also the matter of verbal preservation of the **apographs** (copies of the originals). I believe that God has preserved His Words in the copies of those original writings in the Hebrew Masoretic Text of the Old Testament and the Traditional Text (Textus Receptus) of the New Testament.

I have **FAITH** that the God who inspired the original autographs can and did preserve the apographs so that we can say, *"Thus saith the Lord; This IS the Word of God"* when we hold up our King James Bibles.

Nineteenth century believing Bible scholar par excellent, John Burgon wrote in his work **The Traditional Text**: "There exists no reason for supposing that the Divine Agent, who in the first instance thus gave to mankind the Scriptures of Truth, straightway abdicated His office; took no further care of His work; abandoned those precious writings to their fate." The way is see it if you believe that the original writings of the Scriptures were verbally inspired by God, then of necessity they must have been providentially preserved through the ages.

The Westminster Confession of Faith published in the 1600's says, "The Old Testament in Hebrew, and the New Testament in Greek, being immediately inspired by God and by His singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentic, so as in all controversies of religion the Church is finally to appeal unto them."

My point in quoting this document is simply this; Bible believing Christians in the past, for the most part, believed in the inspiration and providential preservation of the of the Word of God. It is only in the last quarter of the 19th century and 20th century that that born again Christians have believed anything else!

In fact, the Bible teaches providential preservation! The Lord Jesus Christ taught providential preservation. In Matthew 4:4 we read, *"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."* Did you know that no original manuscripts existed in Christ's day? Yet Christ confidently quoted a portion of Deuteronomy 8:3 as the authoritative Word of God and it was a copy of the original without a doubt.

There are many Scriptures that indicate God has providentially preserved His Word. Here are just a few:

□ *Psalms 12:6-7 - "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."*

□ *Psalms 33:11 - "The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations."*

□ *Psalms 100:5 - "For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."*

□ *Matthew 24:35 - "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but*

my words shall not pass away."

□ *Luke 16:17 "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail."*

□ *I Peter 1:23, 25 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."*

I believe God. What he promised He is able to perform (Romans 4:21). He has promised to preserve His Word(s) and I believe Him. I have the faith that He has done it. Therefore, I have chosen to use the King James Bible, because it is built on the Traditional Text, which is laid on the foundation of faith.

THE FOUNDATION OF DOUBT -

What about all of the modern versions of the Bible? What foundation are they built upon? Princeton Theological Seminary textual critic Dr. Bruce Metzger, who is behind the Greek text used in translating the modern versions of the Bible, writing to Dr. Kirt D. DiVietro testified that the text they founded their work on was that of Westcott and Hort. He wrote, *"We took as our base at the beginning the text of Westcott and Hort and introduced changes as seemed necessary on the basis of MSS evidence."*

Modern versions are erected on the faulty foundation of doubt! Here's why I say that: Westcott and Hort speculated, with no evidence to support their idea, that the "pure" text of the New Testament had been lost. They said that the Antiochian text (also called the Traditional Text, Textus Receptus, etc.), the text type behind the King James New Testament, was an artificial and arbitrarily invented text, fabricated between 250 A.D. and 350 A.D. In fact, Westcott and Hort asserted that it remained lost until the 19th century when Vaticanus was rediscovered 1845 in the Vatican library, where it had lain since 1481 and Sinaiticus was discovered in a wastebasket in St. Catherine's Monastery in 1844.

Figure it out. If you believe their conjured theory, that means people were without the Word of God for 1,500 years! Therefore, the question must be, were Westcott and Hort correct? Had the Word of God been lost for 1,500 years?

Dr. F. H. A. Scrivener wrote:

"Dr. Hort's System is entirely destitute of historical foundation.... We are compelled to repeat as emphatically as ever our strong conviction that the hypothesis to whose proof he has devoted so many laborious years, is destitute not only of historical foundation, but of all probability..." (Dr. F. H. A. Scrivener's Plain Introduction, 1883, pp. 537, 542).

Further, he stated - **"There is little hope for the stability of their imposing structure** (speaking of Westcott & Hort), **if its foundations have been laid on the sandy ground of ingenious conjecture. And, since barely the smallest vestige of historical evidence has ever been alleged in support of the views of these accomplished editors, their teaching must either be received as intuitively true, or dismissed from our consideration as precarious and even visionary."** (Dr. F. H. A. Scrivener's Plain

Introduction, 1883, p. 531).

In summary, I have chosen to use the English Bible that is built on the solid foundation of faith, believing that God has preserved His Words in the Masoretic Hebrew text and the Textus Receptus Greek text, and that the King James Bible "preserves" in the English language, by accurate translation that preserved Hebrew Masoretic and Textus Receptus Greek texts.

By the same token, I must say that if you hold to a modern version of the Bible, you have chosen the sandy ground of ingenious conjecture. The critical scholars behind the modern versions do not believe that God preserved His Words as He said He did. In fact, they are not sure where His Words are. They are frantically revising, adding, deleting, modifying, and changing God's Words as is right in their own eyes.

Will you choose the solid foundation of faith or the sandy foundation of doubt?

Once the foundation is laid the building begins! Those who are building on the foundation of doubt have a low regard for the Scriptures while those who are building on the foundation of faith have a high regard for the Scriptures.

A LOW REGARD FOR THE SCRIPTURES -

Would you trust a preacher or a Bible scholar who said the Bible was just a book like any other book? I hope that not a single person listening or reading this would trust him. Yet, millions of Christians, who use the modern versions of the Bible, essentially trust the judgment of those who treat the Bible as just another book. Here's proof...

Dr. Edward Hills wrote, **"Westcott and Hort followed an essentially naturalistic Method. Indeed they prided themselves on treating the text of the New Testament as they would that of any other book, making little or nothing of inspiration and providence."** (Edward F. Hills, The King James Version Defended, pp. 65,66).

In other words, they treated the Bible just like they would the works of Plato, Shakespeare, C. S. Lewis, J. K. Rowling or any other fallible book. In fact, neither believed in the infallibility of the Bible.

Brooke Foss Westcott stated emphatically, **"No one now, I suppose, holds that the first three chapters of Genesis, for example, give a literal history - I could never understand how anyone reading them with open eyes could think they did."**

Further he wrote - **"I never read of the account of a miracle but I seem instinctively to feel its improbability, and discover some want of evidence in the account of it."** (Life and Letters of Brooke Foss Westcott; page 216) Again Westcott said- **"I reject the word infallibility of Holy Scriptures overwhelmingly."** (The Life and Letters of Brook Foss Westcott, p.207).

Concerning Fenton John Anthony Hort, Dr. Wilbur Pickering writes, **"Hort did not hold to a high view of inspiration."** (The Identity of the New Testament Text, p.212).

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