

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 June 2, 2019

Sunday School ----- 13
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 30
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 22
 Wed. Evening Service, 06/05/19 ----- 9

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of June 2, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,130.16
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 68.00
Total Received for Week of 06/02/19: \$ 1,198.16

- Week of May 26, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 915.40
 Love Offering, Dr. Phil Stringer ----- \$ 5.00
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 106.00
Total Received for Week of 05/26/19: \$ 1,026.40

- Week of May 19, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 229.00
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 55.00
Total Received for Week of 05/19/19: \$ 284.00

- Week of May 12, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 420.00
 Love Offering, Dr. Phil Stringer ----- \$ 466.00
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 5.00
Total Received for Week of 05/12/19: \$ 891.00

- Week of May 5, 2019 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,749.80
 Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund ----- \$ 35.00
Total Received for Week of 05/05/19: \$ 1,784.80

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

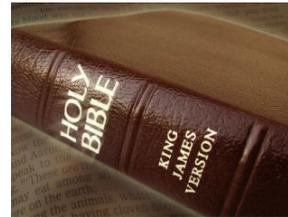
Todd W. White ----- Pastor
 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
 Lois Mae Floyd ----- Pianist/ Organist
Volunteer Needed! ----- Greeter
 Larry Byars ----- S.S. Teacher
 Larry & Mary Byars, Susan Strain ----- Outreach
 Bertha Segebarr ----- Custodian
 Flowers ----- Shirley White



AUDITORIUM AIR CONDITIONER REPAIR FUND

Total Repair Cost, unit repaired 05/17/19 ----- \$4,800.00
 Amount received thusfar ----- \$ 269.00
TOTAL AMOUNT STILL NEEDED TO PAY OFF: \$4,531.00
Thank You For Your Generous Help With This Need!

REMINDER



One Book Stands Alone

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 - ACCEPTS WORSHIP

The American Standard Version died out long ago. It is no longer an acceptable version, having been replaced by the more than 200 more modern choices. For this reason, only a single verse from the ASV, along with its corresponding footnote, will be considered in the present study.

(KJV) John 9:38 - "And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him."

Amazingly, we have agreement between the two texts. The ASV says the exact same thing as the King James Bible:

(ASV) John 9:38 - "And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him."

In this case, the problem does not involve a change in the text itself. Instead, the attack manifests itself in the **footnotes** of the ASV. Both versions reveal that the Lord Jesus Christ received worship. However, the footnote corresponding to this verse in the ASV blasphemes God. Here, in the great granddaddy of all the modern versions, the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ is vehemently and overtly attacked. By examining this footnote, one can quickly see that the revisers did not believe Jesus to be God.

The footnote: *"The Greek word denotes an act of reverence, whether paid to a creature (as here), or to the Creator."*² The translators of the American Standard Version and the English Revised Version believed our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to be a created being. Since Jesus was the One being worshipped in this passage, the translators reveal their unbelief that He is the Creator of the universe. Many other passages could be considered. However, such a flagrant attack on the deity of Christ should suffice to

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illustrate the point.

Another major revision to hit the market was the **Revised Standard Version** (RSV) published in 1952. It was a revision of the American Standard Version. The copyright page of the RSV says that it is a revision of the English Revised Version of 1881-1885 and the American Standard Version of 1901.

From the above information taken from the copyright page, one can see that the RSV is a child or a grandchild of the American Standard Version. As we have seen, the translators of the American Standard Version had a problem with the Lord Jesus Christ's receiving worship. After publishing the ASV, it appears that these revisers realized they could still communicate their message while better disguising their intent by tampering only with the verses rather than expressing their true beliefs in their footnotes.

(KJB) Luke 24:51 - "And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

Instead of bringing doubt upon the Lord's deity through a footnote, the RSV simply *deletes* the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ received worship. The Scripture teaches that only God is to receive worship (Matthew 4:10) and we have already read the revisers' footnote revealing how they felt concerning this matter.

(RSV) Luke 24:51 - "While he blessed them, he parted from them. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

Of course, the 1960 **New American Standard Version** follows it's predecessor by omitting worship. Interestingly, the updated 1995 NASV places worship back into the text after having omitted it from the text for 35 years.

JESUS - THE SON OF GOD

Not only do the revisions attack the Lordship of Jesus Christ, but they also attack **every other major attribute concerning His deity, including His virgin birth**. Most Bible students recognize the prophecy contained in Isaiah chapter seven to be critical to a true understanding of the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The KJB states that a virgin shall conceive, establishing that a supernatural act would take place and result in the conception of the Son of God in human form:

(KJB) Isaiah 7:14 - "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a **virgin** shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

The removal of **virgin** from Isaiah chapter seven in the RSV directly attacks the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. The fact that Mary was a virgin made the conception and birth of Christ a supernatural act, also eliminating the sinful blood of Adam's race from His veins.

(RSV) Isaiah 7:14 - "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a **young woman** shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel."

Satan knows that if the doctrine of the virgin birth is eliminated, likewise the efficacy of the blood shed on Calvary's cross is destroyed. The Bible says that God shed His own blood

(Acts 20:28), not the blood of a mere sinful man of Adam's race. Sometimes a new translation goes too far in its attack of the truth. This passage from the RSV is just such a case. Immediately upon discovery of this attack in the early 1950s, an uproar against the RSV commenced. The blatant infidelity of the RSV eventually brought about its own demise.

Although the attack from Isaiah chapter seven was well-publicized, another less obvious attack by the RSV on the virgin birth went unnoticed.

(KJB) Luke 1:34 "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"

When a woman says, I know not a man; she is a virgin. But what about a person with no husband - does this mean by default that she is always a virgin?

(RSV) Luke 1:34 - "And Mary said to the angel, 'How shall this be, since I have no husband?'"

Obviously, these two verses do not say the same thing. One proves the virgin birth (KJB) and the other leaves room for doubt (RSV). A woman that states that she does not have a husband proves nothing concerning her virginity. There are many more examples from the RSV that attack the virgin birth, but these two should suffice. Therefore, we will look at the most popular modern version - **the New International Version** (NIV).

Because the Lord Jesus Christ is the virgin born Son of God, the Bible carefully points out that Joseph is **not** His father. Only the King James Bible remains true to God's defined plan. It clearly distinguishes between Joseph and the mother of the Lord, preserving a distinction of paternity. Mary is called His mother, but Joseph is not called His father.

(KJB) Luke 2:43 - "And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it."

The peculiar wording of Joseph and his mother is sure to stand out as rather odd-sounding to the reader. God wants His word to be especially unique - uniquely God-like! The NIV **removes** this distinction and changes its impact by replacing the distinctive wording with the vague "his parents."

(NIV) Luke 2:43 - "After the Feast was over, while **his parents** were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it."

It is not necessarily incorrect to say that Joseph and Mary were the parents of the Lord (Luke 2:41). However, it is wrong when God desires to point out that Joseph's relationship to the Lord differs from Mary's relationship to Him.

(KJB) Luke 2:33 - "And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him."

Satan is never satisfied with an indirect attack on truth. He must go for the kill. However, when he does so, it is much easier to identify his handiwork. No matter how one feels about the preceding verse from the NIV, the attack grows even stronger and more direct as we continue the comparison. The next verse directly attacks the Lord's deity by destroying the doctrine of the

virgin birth. See for yourself:

(NIV) Luke 2:33 - "The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him."

Joseph was **not** the father of the virgin born Son of God! However, he *was* the father of all of Mary's other children (Matthew 13:55). The King James Bible only refers to Joseph as the father of the Lord one time. This happens as Mary rebukes her son for staying behind in the temple conversing with the religious leaders. Mary says, "Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing." And how does her Son (THE Son of God) respond?

The Lord Jesus Christ corrects her. Her words were misguided and the Lord corrects her as follows: "***How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?***" (Luke 2:48-49).

God the Son corrected His earthly mother when she inaccurately stated that Joseph was His father. God never leaves truths like these open to mere chance. He settles the matter and holds each person responsible for how he handles these precious truths. Any "bible" that addresses Joseph as the father of the Lord Jesus Christ (uncontested) is nothing less than a deceptive counterfeit (II Corinthians 2:17). The Lord thought the distinction important enough to correct His own mother. One can imagine what will happen to these bible revisers when they stand before Him in the day of judgment.

JESUS - THE CREATOR

The Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe that Jesus is God. Therefore, their own version of the bible, called the **New World Translation** (NWT) serves their purposes. It is usually a green book and claims to be rendered from the original languages by the New World Bible Translation Committee with a revision date of "1961 C.E."

Even the use of C.E. in the copyright date is a blatant attack on the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Use of the C.E. implies a failure to recognize A.D. — *Ano Domini* (translated "in the year of our Lord"). "C.E." stands for Common Era, representing nothing, but certainly denying the Lord.

An important point to consider is that the Christ-rejecting NWT originated from *the same set of manuscripts as the other modern translations on the market*. Granted, the NWT goes farther than any of the others, but the association still exists.

(KJB) John 1:1 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

The most recently developed versions do too, but much more subtly (Genesis 3:1), making the newer versions even more dangerous. Hundreds of additional verses from the NWT could be used to further illustrate this heresy, but why waste the space and time? "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20).

Keep in mind that the majority of the verses compared with the NIV in this book could also be compared with the NWT. The results would be profound. Usually when the modern versions

(such as the NIV, NASV, Living Bible, etc.) differ from the KJB, they align themselves more closely with the Christ-rejecting bible of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Get a copy of the NWT, and compare the changes yourself. The NIV and NWT align in concert against the KJB (Amos 3:3).

The following example reveals the NIV's association with the NWT. The NIV attacks Jesus as the Creator, too. The Bible says the Father did not create anything by Himself. The Father created all things by the Son. Yet, in Genesis chapter one, the Bible says "And God said." Consequently, Jesus must be the person of the Godhead that spoke everything into existence in the beginning. Ephesians provides another great proof text for the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(KJB) Ephesians 3:9 - "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ."

Once again, the modern versions alter a passage in the KJB so that it no longer proves the Lord Jesus Christ to be the Creator. This attack is reminiscent of the assault found in the great granddaddy version, the ASV (like father, like son). The Bible foretells the result of the blind leading the blind - they both fall (Matthew 15:14).

(NIV) Ephesians 3:9 - "and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things."

According to the NIV, the Lord Jesus Christ is not the Creator. Something that destroys such an important doctrine and aligns itself with the most perverted version ever written needs further examination.

- more next week



The Word of God shall stand forever—Isaiah 40:8