

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service -----	Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed!
6:30 p.m. Service -----	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 30, 2019

Sunday School -----	12
Sunday Morning Service -----	32
Sunday Evening Service -----	11
Wed. Evening Service, 07/03/19 -----	0

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of June 30, 2019 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 666.30
Auditorium Air Conditioning Repair Fund -----	\$ 45.00
Total Received for Week of 06/30/19: -----	\$ 711.30

- Week of June 23, 2019 -

<u>Undesignated</u> 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 -

<u>Undesignated</u> 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 -

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

- Week of June 2, 2019 -

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

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


**AUDITORIUM AIR CONDITIONER
REPAIR FUND**

Total Repair Cost, unit repaired 05/17/19 ----- \$ 4,800.00

Amount received thusfar ----- \$ 453.97

TOTAL AMOUNT STILL NEEDED TO PAY OFF: \$4,346.03

Thank You For Your Generous Help With This Need!

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 Segebarrt -----	Custodian
Flowers -----	Shirley White

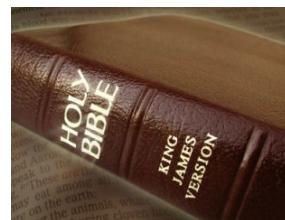
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One Book Stands Alone

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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 - MANIFEST IN THE FLESH

One book stands alone in claiming "without controversy" that GOD was manifest in the flesh. When something is without controversy it is not controversial and it is indisputable . . . at least when you read it in the King James Bible. God became a man; therefore, He was manifest in the flesh. Jesus claimed to be that man and the Bible says that He is. That makes Jesus God. This is the end of controversy when one reads the clear testimony of the King James Bible.

(KJB) I Timothy 3:16: "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Believing the King James Bible, there can be no doubt Who was manifest in the flesh. It was God. However, the New International Version attacks the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ in very subtle ways. The indisputable truth proclaimed by the KJV cannot be found in the same passage of the New International Version. The Bible plainly states it was God that was manifest. The NIV no longer makes this truth evident, but replaces "God" with "He."

(NIV) I Timothy 3:16: "Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory."

The NIV says absolutely nothing. To say that "He appeared in a body..." means nothing. Everyone has appeared in a body. When (continued inside)

the KJB states that "***God was manifest in the flesh...***," a critical statement is made and a crucial truth is conveyed. The NIV is not even grammatically correct. ***He*** is a pronoun that refers to a noun or antecedent. There is no antecedent in the context. Therefore, this verse cannot be used as a proof text for the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ and does not even conform to common grammatical rules. As the ancient landmarks are removed (Proverbs 22:28), is it any wonder the world stands confused?

JESUS — FROM EVERLASTING

Now we come to a particularly overt attack on the Lord's deity. The Old Testament book of Micah prophesies of the coming Messiah from Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1). The verse plainly says that the ruler in Israel one day is to be the Lord who is "***from everlasting.***"

(KJB) Micah 5:2: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

Undeniably, the one from everlasting has no beginning, otherwise He could not be from everlasting. The Lord Jesus Christ is from everlasting, and therefore no beginning can be attributed to Him. The blasphemous NIV instead asserts that Jesus had an origin. Thus, the NIV creates doubt about the Lord's eternal pre-existence (before taking upon Himself human flesh). That is blasphemous! The Jesus I serve is God and has no beginning; He has no origin.

(NIV) Micah 5:2: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

The NIV claims that the Lord Jesus Christ had a starting point. If He has an origin (or a beginning), He is not God! One should not fail to grasp this truth. God has no beginning. If Jesus has origins then He is a god, just as the Jehovah's Witnesses claim! God the Son was present in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning..." This same heresy was also very evident in the Revised Standard Version of 1952 which includes the same falsehood in the book of Hebrews: "***For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren.***" (*Hebrews 2:11*). The Lord has no origin, regardless of how many of the modern perversions agree together against the testimony of God's one book.

If the motive of the new versions is simply to update the language, then why do they pervert the truth and in fact destroy it? The Lord Jesus Christ has no beginning and will have no end! Otherwise, He would not be God and the Saviour of the world.

The Bible refers to the Lord Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son (John 1:18, 3:16, 3:18) thus emphasizing the distinction between Him, the begotten Son, and believers who are adopted sons (Ephesians 1:5). The New American Standard Version, following the lead of the corrupt Vaticanus and Sinaiticus Greek manuscripts, have God the Father creating (begetting) another

lesser god in John 1:18. However, Acts chapter 13 in the King James Bible clearly refers to the begotten Son.

(KJB) Acts 13:33: "God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee."

When the Father said this to the Son, it was not at His birth. It was at His resurrection. He became the "...***first begotten of the dead...***" (*Revelation 1:5*). God did not become the Lord's Father when He was born of Mary or at His resurrection. He is from everlasting, with no beginning. The Son always was... ***but not so in the NIV.***

(NIV) Acts 13:33: "he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: 'You are my Son; today I have ***become*** your Father.'"

The Lord Jesus Christ did not ***become*** the Son of God at any time during His earthly life or ministry (Psalm 2:12). The Lord Jesus Christ (God the Son) can be found throughout the Old Testament. Numerous appearances are revealed prior to His being born of Mary. A great passage in proof of this truth is located in the book of Daniel when Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are thrown into the fiery furnace. Notice who else shows up — the eternal Son of God.

(KJB) Daniel 3:25: "He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

They recognized the fourth figure in the furnace for who He was and who He is. For the Son of God to show up in the fiery furnace, He must have existed prior to His becoming a man in Matthew chapter one. Can this be proven using an NIV?

(NIV) Daniel 3:25 - "He said, 'Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like ***a son of the gods...***'"

The NIV fails to reveal who the fourth person in the furnace is. He is ***THE*** Son of God. The NIV aligns itself with the Christ-rejecting Jehovah's Witness bible by refusing to identify the Lord Jesus Christ. Considering that the sons of God can have a negative connotation as reflected in Genesis 6:2 and Job 1:6, further compounds the error. The Apostle Paul tells us of the second Adam, showing that He is "the Lord" from heaven (present tense).

(KJB) I Corinthians 15:47: "The first man is of the earth, earthly: the second man is the Lord from heaven."

The second man refers to the Lord Jesus Christ. He had no beginnings, no origin. He is "the Lord" from heaven. This is another proof of His deity (at least in a King James Bible).

(NIV) I Corinthians 15:47 - "The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven."

No longer is He the Lord from heaven. No longer can one use these very clear testimonies of the Lord's deity in the perverted New International Version. They don't say the same thing.

JESUS — WITHOUT SIN

The NIV stoops so low as to attack the sinlessness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Most Bible students are aware that the Lord became angry when he saw the hypocrisy of His fellow Jewish brethren. The Lord's anger is illustrated in the following passage where the hypocritical Pharisees are watching to see if He will heal on the Sabbath day.

(KJB) Mark 3:5 - "And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other."

In this case the New International Version agrees with the King James Bible. Both verify that the Lord got angry.

(NIV) Mark 3:5 - "He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.

Although a man's anger is frequently sinful, it would be blasphemous to claim that the Lord sinned when he became angry. The King James Bible protects the sinlessness of our Lord by explaining that one can be angry with His brethren without sinning as long as there is a cause (or reason) for this anger. Anger, however, cannot be justified without a cause or reason.

(KJB) Matthew 5:22 - "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."

No true child of God would ever claim that the anger of the Lord was unjustified. He certainly had cause. However, the NIV removes that important phrase ("without a cause") and makes a blanket condemnation of anyone who becomes angry for any reason. According to the NIV, anyone that becomes angry with his brother is a sinner, including our Lord.

(NIV) Matthew 5:22 - "But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

This verse in the NIV makes the Lord Jesus Christ a sinner. It says "anyone who is angry!" The Lord Himself got angry! Verses such as these infuriate true Bible believers. Was there not a cause (I Samuel 17:29)? David knew there was a cause when Goliath was reproaching Israel and His God. Bible believers know there is a cause when man attacks God's word and work. "***Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:*** (*Ephesians 4:26*).

GOD — LAID DOWN HIS LIFE

First John contains another passage that undeniably proves the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this text, the pronoun "he" refers to the antecedent "God."

(KJB) I John 3:16 - "Hereby perceive we the love of God,

because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

Since the KJB indisputably proves the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, one can well imagine Satan's opposition. Read the NIV and sense the hostility against the truth. Unlike the KJB, this verse in the modern versions cannot be used to prove the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(NIV) I John 3:16 - "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."

Yes, Jesus Christ laid down His life, but the purpose of the passage is lost in the modern versions. We are to see that it was God that died for our sins in the form of human flesh.

- more next week

NEW OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

K CHRISTIAN FATHER/MOTHER IMPRISONED BY CUBAN GOVERNMENT FOR HOMESCHOOLING

"A Cuban Evangelical pastor sentenced to two years in prison for homeschooling his children says his family has endured "psychological pressure and a war on behalf of authorities" for refusing to allow the Castro regime to indoctrinate his children into communist ideology. His remarks form part of a petition to the Organization of American States (OAS) for a precautionary measure protecting Rigal and his wife, Ayda Expósito - who was sentenced to 1.5 years in prison for the same crime of "acts contrary to the normal development of a minor." Homeschooling is illegal in Cuba and legal schools are of notoriously low quality, prioritizing the development of submissive citizens over life and professional skills.

The Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA), a nonprofit advocacy group defending the right to home school, and the Global Liberty Alliance, a legal defense fund dedicated to defending the defenders and advancing justice in places such as Communist Cuba, filed the petition for a precautionary measure on behalf of the Rigal family. ... "There are no guarantees of due process or a state of rights in Cuba and, therefore, there are no legal or other avenues that allow for denouncing [crimes] ... because the courts, as well as the police and all other authorities are under the control of the Communist Party of Cuba (PCC)," the application reads. ... the couple's two children, Ruth and Joel, have been forced to matriculate at their local government school in Guantánamo. ... Cuba, a nominally Marxist atheist state, has consistently moved to repress the religious rights of its citizens. According to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), which publishes an annual global report on religious persecution, Cubans regularly face "harassment campaigns targeting religious leaders and activists who advocated for stronger religious freedom protections. While it is difficult to track these cases, one organization reported that 194 individuals were imprisoned or detained because of their religious beliefs and activities between July 2017 and April 2018," its annual report for 2019 read. ▶

Breitbart, May 20, 2019