

The Gospel Case for the KJV Bible

If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:" II Corinthians 4:3

I do not believe the Kings James Bible is a perfect translation. Due to this position I have been attacked by more than one "King James Only" person for pointing out weaknesses in the KJV. That being said, I still believe the KJV is the English Bible we should use if we desire the truth of the gospel to be clearly seen by all.

For over a thousand years, during what is known as the "Dark Ages," the Catholic Church did everything in its power to keep God's word out of the hands and language of the common man. Yet early in the sixteenth century, a Catholic priest named Desiderius Erasmus gathered the available texts and fragments of scriptures, collated and compared them and gave us a complete New Testament in the Greek language. This text, which later became known as the "*textus receptus*," became God's instrument in causing the light of His word to break forth upon a world filled with darkness. The "*textus receptus*" was used by Martin Luther to translate his German bible, by William Tyndale for his English New Testament, for the Geneva Bible of 1560, and finally for the KJV of 1611. The enemies of the reformation said, "Erasmus laid the egg, and Luther hatched it."

"...the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ ...should shine unto them." II Corinthians 4:4

Satan is the god of this world. He succeeded in bringing the thousand year "dark ages" by taking the word of God away from the common man. The reformation ended that, and with the Bible translated in many languages, came the greatest missionary movement in the history of the world. By the early nineteenth century, many believed we were on a trajectory that within a hundred years, the entire world would be Christian. Satan's "counter-attack" came in the form of seemingly small changes in an ever increasing number of translations of the scriptures.

"And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." II Timothy 4:4

The differences between the KJV and many other Bible translations seem to be insignificant, but the slightest curve from the plumb line of truth Amos 7:8 will eventually take all who follow it to a terrible place they had no intention of going. An example of what I say is found in Paul's epistle to the Corinthians. The KJV says, "*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God*" I Corinthians 1:18. Many of the Bibles used today, including the NKJV, say, "*...unto us which are being saved...*" which presents a salvation in progress, instead of the finished work of Christ on the cross for all who believe.

Another example of the corruption of the scripture is found in the translation of I John 3:9. The KJV rightfully translates the phrase "*Whosoever is born of God doth not*

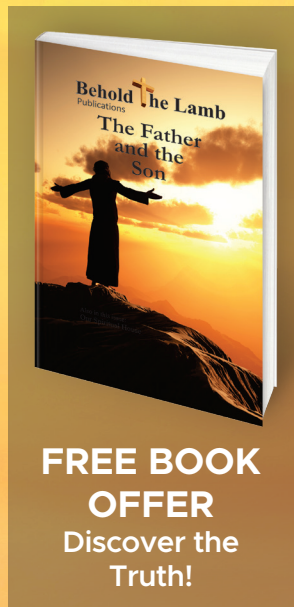
commit sin..." but many versions translate this to say "*...do not practice sin.*" "*Commit*" comes from the Greek word "poieo." "Poieo" means "*to make or do*" and refers to a singular act. If John wanted to say "*practice*" he would have used the Greek word "prasso" which means "*perform repeatedly or habitually.*" The difference between these words is "night and day." A person does not have to kill more than once before they are a murderer. Neither must one rape multiple victims before they are a rapist. A person who lies once will lie again. A person who cheats once will cheat again. These are things that those who abide in Christ simply DO NOT DO, because they "CANNOT do them!"

I John 3:9.

Many of the Bibles used today are philosophical in nature. In a philosophical gospel, neither Christ, His death, His shed blood, nor His resurrection are sufficient of themselves. Salvation is presented as a process, as is sanctification. To those who believe the revisions, we are "*being sanctified*", but the KJV says we "*are sanctified*" Hebrews 10:10 through the sacrifice of Christ at Calvary. To the revisionist, the gospel of Christ is never enough. It must be supplemented by keeping principles and following step plans, because there is no power in the gospel they preach to make a "new creation in Christ." To these, if you believe Christ died to "*take away the sin of the world*" John 1:29, I John 3:5, and you "*sin no more*" John 8:11, you are condemned as a liar simply because you believe the truth of God's word.

At the turn of the 20th century, the church stood at the precipice of winning the entire world for Christ. The "sanctified revival," which had swept the world for 150 years was being approved by a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God upon those who were sanctified. The "Wales revival," Topeka Kansas, North Carolina, "Azusa Street," across the nation and around the world, a second "Day of Pentecost" was happening. In the mid 1900s the revisionist bibles took the place of the KJV. Less than seventy years later, we have a "church" that proudly proclaims, "We are all sinners," ...and it has become true. Some statistics show 68% of men in the churches are on pornography along with 54% of the pastors. This is the direct result of believing those revised scriptures that have "*hidden the gospel to them that are lost*" II Corinthians 4:3. We desperately need revival, another "reformation," a "great awakening," but it cannot come through the present belief system of the church. **I urge you who are hungry to "know the truth" which will "make you free,"** to get a King James Version of the bible and study it diligently along with an original Strong's Concordance and much prayer.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" Colossians 2:8.



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