

CHAPTER ONE

FAITH

HOW ARE WE SAVED?

THE BIBLE SAYS:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9



HOW DO WE GET FAITH?

By the WORD OF GOD.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Rom. 10:17

AND

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

1 Peter 1:23

YOU SEE... THE WORD OF GOD IS VITALLY IMPORTANT!!!!

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15

THIS BOOK IS ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD

Can we trust it?????
Do we have God's Word today?????
If we do... which Bible is God's Word?????

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS...

A MAN REALIZES
THAT HE IS A SINNER.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

*"For all have sinned and come short
of the glory of God."* Romans 3:23

AND

*"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered
into the world, and death by sin; and
so death passed upon all men, for that
all have sinned."* Romans 5:12



THEN HE LOOKS INTO "THE BOOK" AND SEES THAT...

*"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift
of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ
our Lord."* Romans 6:23

*"But God commendeth his love toward
us, in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8



THEN... HE LEARNS THE ANSWER...



*"That if thou shalt confess with thy
mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in
thine heart that God hath raised him from
the dead, thou shalt be saved."* Romans 10:9

*"Who his own self bare our sins in his own
body on the tree, that we, being dead
to sins, should live unto righteousness: by
whose stripes ye were healed."* 1 Peter 2:24

THE BIBLE ALSO SAYS...

"... and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

THEN... when a person becomes a Christian, God calls him a soldier of Jesus Christ...

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

2 Timothy 2:3



...AND gives him armor for protection...

*"Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."* Ephesians 6:16

Who throws the fiery darts? _____

What shield do we have? _____

What do we have for a weapon? _____

A SWORD



OR A

BUTTER KNIFE?



The Christian's only offensive weapon, is his sword.

*"And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the **word of God**."* Ephesians 6:17

*"For the **word of God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged **sword**..."* Hebrews 4:12a

NOW... The Christian is in a battle with the devil...
AND... the devil is out to destroy the Christian's sword.
HOW... is he destroying the Word of God??????????????

- 1) Through *DOUBT* and *CONFUSION*
- 2) By *changing* the Bible and *omitting* words, verses and paragraphs of God's Word.

WHAT... is he using to do this??????????????

* THE MODERN VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE *



I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

"What are you trying to say? Are you saying that some books that are called 'Bibles' are not really the Bible at all?"

"YES"

"Are you trying to say that there are really 'counterfeit' Bibles being sold today?"

"YES"

(Don't get mad yet, you still have a lot more to read...
then you can get mad.)



"ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE PEOPLE THAT READ THESE 'OTHER' BIBLES ARE BAD PEOPLE?"

"NO" — most people haven't compared the new Bibles enough to realize that there really is a **BIG** difference.

"WHAT BIBLE DO YOU THINK IS THE REAL WORD OF GOD?"

"The King James Bible,
translated from the
Textus Receptus."

“IS THERE REALLY AN *IMPORTANT* DIFFERENCE, OR IS IT JUST A DIFFERENCE IN UPDATING OLD LANGUAGE?”

“It’s an **important** difference!” — It would be one thing if they just changed a few old-fashioned words... but the fact is that the **basic doctrines** of the Christian faith are **attacked!**

“WHAT DOCTRINES?”

“The doctrine of the **diety of Christ**, (that Christ is God), the **virgin birth** of Christ, the **infallibility** of the Bible, the doctrine of **salvation by faith**, and the **Trinity**.

“ARE THERE ANY OTHER CHANGES?”

“YES” — there are between 5,000 and 36,000 changes depending on which version you are looking at. They take out part of the **Lord’s prayer**, change parts of **communion**, leave out the **resurrection** in Mark, **omit** hundreds of words and phrases, and **downgrade** the Lordship of Jesus Christ... just to name a few.

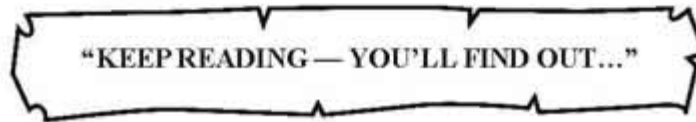
“HOW CAN YOU LUMP ALL THE NEW VERSIONS TOGETHER AGAINST THE KING JAMES BIBLE?”

Dr. Gordon D. Fee, a professor at Wheaton College said in an article in the magazine *Christianity Today*...

“*The contemporary translations as a group* have one thing in common: they tend to **agree against** the KJV... in omitting hundreds of words, phrases, and verses.”

NOTICE... Dr. Fee was promoting the new versions yet he realized that the new versions, as a whole, are different.”

WHY ARE THEY DIFFERENT?”



CHAPTER TWO

DOUBT AND CONFUSION

It all started way back in the Garden of Eden.
God commanded Adam:

“Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”
Gen. 2:16-17

THEN...

Satan came to tempt Eve.
HOW DID HE DO IT????????????
By casting doubt on God’s Word!!!!
Satan’s first 4 words to Eve were...

The *first* thing Satan did when talking to Eve was to *cast doubt* on God’s Word!!!



AND EVE FELL FOR IT...

Satan is doing the exact same thing today. LOOK in your modern versions of the Bible. On nearly every page they say in the footnotes...

“this verse not found in the earliest mss.” or
“later mss. add” or “some authorities say” or

“other ancient authorities omit this verse” or
“other authorities add, some ancient”

What is it? *DOUBT CASTING*, that's what it is! Over 100 times in the New Testament alone, Satan is able to say...

“Yea, hath God said this... ?” “Yea, hath God said that...?”

“Yea, do you think God said...?” “Yea, perhaps God said??”

“Yea, maybe God didn't say...”

EVEN WORSE THAT THAT ... In the front of the New American Standard Version it says... “Brackets in the text are around words *probably not* in the original writings.”

What did they put in the brackets? Mark 16:9-20, 12 verses about the *resurrection* of Christ, Mark 9:44 about *Hell*. Mark 9:46 about *Hell*, Matthew 6:13 the last part of the Lord's Prayer, John 7:53-8:11 (12 more verses) and many, many more!!

DO YOU SEE WHAT SATAN IS DOING?

THE BIBLE SAYS:

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We are saved by *FAITH*. BUT... the *OPPOSITE OF* faith is *DOUBT!!* Satan is using *DOUBT* and *CONFUSION* to try to destroy the Word of God!

THE BIBLE SAYS:



“For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” Psalm 119:89

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” Matthew 24:35

“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?” Numbers 23:19

God is NOT a liar! He has preserved his Word for us! We don't have to doubt it!!!!

LET'S BE SMARTER THAN EVE WAS!!!!!!!!!!!!

CONFUSION?

BIBLE STUDY GROUP...

“TURN IN YOUR BIBLES TO...”



“I CAN’T FIND IT...
IT’S NOT IN *MY* BIBLE...”

“*MY* BIBLE SAYS...”

“OH, MINE SAYS SOMETHING DIFFERENT...”

“WELL, MINE SAYS THIS...”

“I WONDER WHAT’S RIGHT?????...”

“I DON’T KNOW... I’M CONFUSED... ????????”

THE BIBLE SAYS:

“*For God is not the author of confusion,...*” 1 Corinthians 14:33

If God isn’t... then who is??????????