

BATTLE OVER THE BIBLE.

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Sometimes it appears there is a lull in the war, but be assured the battle over the Bible still rages and will until our Lord comes. Every once in a while, there is the charge that KJV only believers are dividing the people of God; I have been accused of it many times. (Now, we are talking here about your basic Fundamental Baptists who believe the Bible - not Peter Ruckman, etc.). Let's face it, there are many other issues over which Bible believers are divided; some valid and some invalid. I personally believe that there is no more fundamental nor important issue than where is the Word of God? I believe to refuse fellowship over it is not only justifiable but right. If we are to break fellowship with a brother because he is "covetous" (I Corinthians 5:11) or with one who "walks disorderly," how much more should we refuse fellowship with one who stands upon a faulty foundation and promotes heresy (which all modern versions do). This is a MAJOR issue - where is the pure Word of God? The truth is, users of the NIV, NASV, NKJV, etc. do not believe God. The primary issue today among Bible believers is not inspiration - all agree to that. But there is plenty of disagreement over just what is inspired! I believe God! Concerning His Words He said, "**O, Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.**" ~*Psalm 12:7*. "**The Word of our God shall stand forever.**" ~*Isaiah 40:8*. "**My Words shall not pass away.**" ~*Luke 21:33*. The issue is preservation! Did God perform what He promised? I believe He did. Believers in modern versions do not! These people tell us that all of the "good" Bibles contain the Word of God and therefore, there is nothing to argue about. But all modern versions basically agree with each other and disagree with the KJV in thousands of places. They also agree with the bad versions like the RSV! Either one of the modern versions must be the Word of God or the KJV. You can't have it both ways, though some of you try. Check this out - all modern versions agree with the Roman Catholic Bible in the areas where there is a difference from the KJV. Something that is often ignored (I am afraid deliberately by many modern version promoters) is there are two basic types of manuscripts from which all Bible versions come. The KJV alone comes from the true ones, those labeled TR, while ALL modern versions come from corrupted ones (see our book). Incidentally, during the Reformation, though every Reformer had been a Roman Catholic priest or monk (Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, etc.), not one used the Roman Catholic Bible (which is like modern versions) as the basis for translation into his own language, but used the work of Erasmus which later became known as the TR.

Personally, I have not divided anyone on this issue; I stand where I've stood since I was saved 60 plus years ago. I was as ignorant as anyone could be of God or the Bible but was saved reading the KJV. When I went to Bible college the faulty Westcott and Hort Greek New Testament was used in Greek class. I did not know the difference - I wasn't told there were two Greek texts. I was not preaching long before I realized that my Greek New Testament and my KJV Bible were miles apart. At first, I just said I'll stick with the Bible that saved me. Thank God! It must have been the Holy Spirit! Later, about forty years ago now, I looked into the matter and came to the obvious conclusion (I think it will be if you can put aside your prejudice). (Cont'd p.2)

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

FROM P.1. There can only be one Bible! In English, it is the KJV! I believe it! I preach it! You don't have to believe it. God impressed upon me 25 years ago that I should not share the same platform or ministry with someone who does not stand on the true Word of God. Let me tell you why I do not work with those who preach from another bible. Modern version preachers have adopted a liberal, Roman Catholic bible. Westcott and Hort were liberals, even Romanists; their Greek New Testament is the basis of all modern versions. Translators of the NASV, NIV, NKJV, are not exactly Fundamentalists. Thomas Nelson will not give the names of the NASV translators, but they've given the denominations: Congregationalist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Nazarene, Methodist, Disciples of Christ (a cult). Modern version promoters believe differently than I do. Could you build a house with a fellow who used a 30" yardstick? I do not know one Bible believer who holds to a modern version who does not say only the originals are inspired; *all versions have errors in them*. If that is so, there is no infallible Word of God today! God didn't keep His Word! I am not going to preach alongside someone who doesn't believe he can hold the Word of God in his hand!

All modern versions have errors; serious omissions. We believe it is wrong and dangerous to confuse our testimony. It sends the wrong signal; others will assume we endorse, or condone, these versions. It's a natural conclusion. The Bible says, **"Can two walk together except they be agreed?"** Especially on the foundation. *This is not trivial!* Many say we go by the Book, but do you have the right Book. Martin Luther said, *"I do not want to know anything of peace and concord when the Word of God is thereby lost...It is not right for me here to draw back and to give way out of love toward you or any other man; before the Word everyone must give way, whether he be friend or enemy...Don't talk to me...of love and friendship if the Word and faith is to be compromised... Worldly things may go as they go; the devil has not yet gained anything by it. But if you err in such a way that he robs you of the Word of God, you have lost everything...* Spurgeon paid the price leaving the Baptist Union in 1887 over inspiration of Scripture. He said, *"God's Word in this age is a small affair; some do not even believe it to be inspired; those who profess to revere it set up other books in a sort of rivalry with it. I don't understand loyalty to Christ which is accompanied by indifference to His words. Unless we have infallibility somewhere, faith is impossible. Fellowship with known and vital error is participation in sin."*

COLLEGE STUDENTS AND ALCOHOL AND DRUGS. When they're not hitting the books, many U.S. college students are hitting the bars or getting high, a new government report shows. About 1.2 million full-time college students, aged 18 to 22, drink alcohol, and nearly 704,000 use marijuana on an average day, researchers from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) found. "Substance misuse at any age can jeopardize one's health and long-term well-being, but college students may be particularly at risk because of the pressures they face at this critical juncture of their lives," said Frances Harding, director of SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. "College administration, faculty and staff; students; parents; and the surrounding community must work to ensure that college students get the effective prevention programming and treatment services they need," Harding added in an agency news release.

The report examines substance use by the nation's 9 million full-time and 2 million part-time college students. Researchers found substance use -- including hallucinogens, prescription painkillers and cocaine -- a concern for both populations. The investigators found that on an average day: Almost 2,200 full-time college students drink alcohol for the first time and about 1,300 start using marijuana. About 650 full-time students start using hallucinogens, almost 560 start non-medical use of prescription pain relievers, and about 450 begin using cocaine. Students who used alcohol in the past month drank similar amounts -- roughly 4 drinks a day on the days they drank -- whether they were part-time or full-time, according to the report. --NewsMax (5/28/16)

TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN. "The chief danger of the Church today is that it is trying to get on the same side as the world, instead of turning the world upside down. Our Master expects us to accomplish results, even if they bring opposition and conflict. Anything is better than compromise, apathy, and paralysis. God, give to us an intense cry for the old-time power of the Gospel and the Holy Ghost!" --A.B. Simpson. Ed. That was written over 100 years ago. The danger is much greater today. God's people need to heed I Corinthians 15:58. It is difficult to imagine the tremendous difference between the days of Simpson and the days in which we are living. May the Lord help us to stand against the tide. **"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."**

YOUTH CORNER

EXCEPT! D. L. Moody said, "Notice how the Scripture puts it: "Except a man be born again..." ~*John 3:3*. From amongst a number of other passages where we find the word 'except' I would just name three. 1 - 'Except ye **repent**, ye shall all likewise perish.' ~*Luke 13:3,5*. 'Except ye be **converted** and become as little children, ye cannot enter into the kingdom of God.' ~*Matthew 18:3*. 'Except your **righteousness** exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of Heaven.' ~*Matthew 5:20*." If you are going to be saved from your sins you must **repent**. That word means to change your mind about your sin; about your religion, etc. If you truly repent and believe in Christ as your Savior (if you truly repent, you also believe) you will be saved. Acts 3:19 says, "Repent ye therefore, and be **converted**, that your sins may be blotted out..." The problem is, we are all sinners, and to go to Heaven you must be righteous. God says, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done..." We simply cannot be good enough! So, God has provided a perfect righteousness for us in Jesus Christ who died for our sins. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the **righteousness** of God in him." ~*II Corinthians 5:21*. Imagine, poor sinners given the righteousness of God! But you must repent and be converted. Do it NOW! "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**" ~*Acts 16:31*.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

"Don't approach a goat from the front; a horse from the rear or a fool from any side." -See Proverbs 26:4,5.

Some people are like a wheelbarrow: No good unless pushed and easily upset.

Honesty is still the best policy, but sad to say, many are satisfied with less than the best.

Better never to have been born at all than never to have been born again!

"Statistics show that 10,000 people are killed by liquor where only one is killed by a mad dog. Yet we shoot the dog and license the liquor dealer. What sense is this?"

Blessed is the man who has nothing worth saying and who is able to refrain from saying it.

The closer you get to God, the further you will get from this present evil world.

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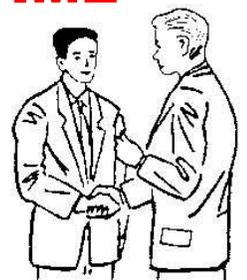
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CHRISTIANS TOO BUSY

I Kings 20:40 says: “**As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone.**” Vance Havner quoted it and said, “*The man in the story received a charge to keep, but he was unfaithful, not because he was lazy or asleep, but because he was too busy. Parents are too busy and children get away, Christians are too busy even with good things, and the best thing - to know God - gets away...While we are puttering around life gets away. The day of grace...passes away unredeemed because we are too busy with here and there and forget the eternal. If you’re too busy for the things of God, you are too busy. You have received a charge to keep, and if your busyness keeps you from being about your Father’s business, you are a poor business man.*” We sometimes hear it said that Christians can be too busy in the Lord’s work. I won’t say that’s not possible, but I don’t know of any such person. Many Christians are quite busy, but it’s not the Lord’s work that wears them out, it’s the “*here and there.*” A few are really busy for the Lord, but I doubt that they are too busy! Some are too busy outside the Church and that is their problem, but they usually want to give up some of the Lord’s work rather than that which is to no profit. *We are supposed to be busy for God!* Jesus said, “**WORK for the night cometh when no man can work.**” “**Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth LABORERS...**” God says, “**Be ye steadfast, unmovable ALWAYS ABOUNDING in the WORK of the Lord...**”

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COVETOUSNESS IS COSTLY

The 10th commandment is “**Thou shalt not covet.**” It means “to be fond of money,” - to want more. It carries the idea of never being satisfied. Someone asked the great financier, J. P. Morgan how much money it took to make a man happy. He replied, “A little more.” Covetousness has been the ruination of multitudes, including many believers. **Covetousness** enticed Lot into Sodom, where he lost all. Peter tells us he was a saved man. It caused the destruction of Achan and his family. It was the sin of Balaam, the false prophet. Samuel’s sons fell into it. It left Gehazi a leper. It sent the rich young ruler away sorrowful and no doubt to hell. It led Judas to sell the Lord Jesus Christ and he ended up a hell-bound suicide. It brought about the death of Ananias and Sapphira (I believe they were saved). It was a blot on the character of such a man of position as Felix. What victims it has claimed. Alas, how many believers today are covetous. Many seem to be possessed by things; never satisfied. I am afraid more than a few Christians would take a job that required work on the Lord’s day if it paid more money. God says, “**The love of money is the root of all evil.**” ~*I Timothy 6:10*. God’s prescription “**Be content with such things as ye have.**” “**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...**” Many can work extra hours, take a second job, in order to have the things of this world, but they have little time and money for the things of God. Remember, what you sow, you will reap! (From a 1994 *Challenge*)