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"BUT HE THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTO THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE
SAVED" (MTH. 24:13)

Where is the Word of God?

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From time to time a debate within the church rages as to where the word of God is, or asked another way, where can it be found? Does it exist today in any form? Is it only found in the original Greek? Is the word of God found in all of today's modern Bible versions, or is it in only in some. With all of the many Bible versions that exist today, choosing which Bible version to read can be a daunting task. The problem with the Church today is the author of confusion has been at work, and often without the church of God even knowing it. It is confusing to the young child of God because he will be able to find a positive and a negative answer to every one of the above questions. You will be able to find a group of self affirmed Christians that say the word of God cannot be found on the earth today. You will find a group of self affirmed Christians that say the word of God is only available in the original Greek manuscripts, and you will find a few Christians that say that the word of God is alive and well in the English language existing in the world today. It is this issue that I will tackle in simplicity in this article. To do this, as always, we will find our counsel in the word of God.

Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting. (Psa 93:2)

Clearly everything we will be discussing today will be taken by faith; I cannot prove to you that God even exists; even so, this word that I declare unto you today must be taken by faith. As the above scripture confirms, our God is an eternal God without beginning and without end (which is what everlasting means by definition). Let us turn unto another

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scripture.

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;
(Psa 103:17)

We also see by the word of God that his mercy endures forever to those that fear him. While this is an administration in itself, we can plainly say that according to the Word of God, that He is everlasting and his mercy is everlasting to the people who qualify (clearly there will be some who do not find that mercy on the last day). These are things which should be without argument for one who has been bought by the blood of Christ and to even some who have not been.

If we continue on with our word study you will see that God's righteousness is everlasting (Psalm 119:142) his kingdom is everlasting (Psalm 145:13), and that in the Lord there is everlasting strength (Isa 26:4). Truly our God is so awesome that these only begin to describe his great power and might. I hope that you get the idea of the magnitude and scope of the Lord God and his power to those that call upon his name. From this we will continue:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
(Isa 9:6)

In this verse we see the prophecy that a son will be born to the people residing on earth, and he shall be called the everlasting Father, which is to say that this child is the Lord God who created the heavens and the earth. Jesus Christ fulfilled this prophecy, and it is clear that he has the same qualities as God because indeed he is God.

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

(Mat 1:23)

Now, because Jesus, who is the Christ, has the same qualities as God, it is clear that he is also from everlasting, and indeed is the creator.

*Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.***

(Col 1:12-18)

Now Jesus also has many names which tell us his attributes; one of these names is The Word of God.

***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

(Joh 1:1-5)

Now the world was created by the word of God, and if you recall the account in Genesis, that word was spoken "Let there be light". Praise the Lord! I hope you caught how that Jesus Christ and God the Father are one, and how Jesus Christ (The Word of God) created the heavens and the earth! Amen. Now because the Word of God is the same as God the Father, we can also say that Jesus Christ is from Everlasting, and we can also say that The Word of God is everlasting since Jesus Christ is the Word of God.

God = Everlasting

Jesus = God

Jesus = Word

Word = Everlasting

This equation is the truth; the word of God will verify this truth.

By the Prophet Isaiah:

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever.

(Isa 40:7-8)

And again by Apostle Peter,

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

(1Pe 1:24-25)

And again by Jesus Christ,

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

(Mat 24:35)

I have gone through great lengths to show you this one simple thing-- the word of God is from forever and will endure forever; it is more sure than the world we live on at this time. By the word of God (not by me), the people who declare that the word of God cannot be found today are not people who believe that the creator can keep his word. They are not people of faith, which is to say they cannot be saved; for it is by faith that we are saved. Amen. In like manner, the following verse not only shows that the word of God has been preserved, but it also shows that it is pure and that God will keep them. This is a higher standard than we have previously established.

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.

(Psa 12:6-7)

From these verses we can conclude by faith that God is from everlasting, His word is everlasting, and he is able, and in fact has, preserved his word forever. Amen. Now as I said before, this is by faith and if one chooses not to believe, there is no point in reading further. I cannot prove to you that there is a God. I cannot prove to you that he has a word. We can by observation coupled with faith conclude that there is a God. We can by testimony and experience prove to ourselves that his word is true. But if one does not want to believe that there is a God, I cannot make you believe and you should continue on with your life how you think is best. Time will tell who is wise and who is not. For those who choose to follow the way of the creator, I urge you to read on and take in all of the words and exhortations that are preached in this newsletter.

If you have decided to continue reading, I know that you have decided that there must be a God with a word. As we have seen, his word is from everlasting, and he is able to preserve that word. Which is more difficult, to create the earth and all that is in it, or to make yourself known to man, declare your word to him, cause it to be written down, and then preserve that word forever and ever? Clearly if one can create everything from nothing, he can do the latter with much greater ease. I continue to preach on this line because this is the core of this issue. Do we serve a mighty

we want to, but it comes down to who you believe God is, and where do his abilities cease? I know whom I have believed and I am persuaded that he is able to do all things and therefore to keep a word on this earth free from corruption is not a monumental task.

Seeing then by faith that God has a word that has been preserved forever somewhere, we turn our attention to finding out where we can find that word. Today there are many versions which claim to be God's word. Do they speak the same thing? The newest versions claim to be born out of the most recent archeological findings and of the highest scholastic quality. The older versions are said to have archaic words that do not keep up with the times. The problems that arise in this question are varied and I again will attempt to simplify the debate as there is already a whole host of literature that one can read if they desire to make the issue complex. Seeing that God never changes and never fails, we can assume that his word is the same as well. This means that if the Bible says that "Thou shalt not covet", (Ex 20:17) then it stands to reason that this will be true for all times. (Realize, child of God, that God has never changed, and the early commands that were done away with after the death and resurrection of Christ were done away with in the flesh but continued in the spirit i.e. circumcision.) So if the word does exist and is revised, then at the least it should say the same thing as the old. Can we agree on this one thing? Said another way, if the Bible says "Thou shalt not covet" And I want to update that command to fit with the language of today, it should at least say something like, "Thou shalt not want things that are not yours" (which is the definition of covetousness). What we will see is that these "latest and greatest editions" cannot make minor alterations and keep their copyright protections. Therefore, they must make a significantly different work. This changes the word of God so that people can make money as they make merchandise of the most Holy Faith. Yes, Child of God, as you will see, this word of God does not speak the same thing. In fact it is subtly different. If it is subtly different then it is no longer the word of God. For instance, Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe that Jesus is God, which we have already shown to be true according to the word of God. Therefore, they have their own translation (The New World Translation) that makes it much more difficult if not impossible to establish that Jesus is God). If the source is corrupt, then so are the fruits of them that read it. I hope you see the severity of this issue. If you continue reading, it is my prayer that you will be convinced that the word of God has been perverted and that people must return to the truth that is found in the King James Bible. We will compare it to some of the newer more popular translations: The New International Version (NIV), and one of the newer best sellers, The Message.

Again let us say that most Christians are ignorant to Satan's devices. He is more cunning than most Christians give him credit, which makes him delighted I am sure. But would not one of the most diabolical plots he could conjure up be found in the corruption of the very word of God? Would you put it past him? Is not this what he has been doing from the beginning? Think of Eve and think of him tempting Christ. Was he not using a perverted word to tempt them? "Yea, hath God said" and "It is written." Please hear this important word. Satan has continued to pervert the word, and as always, he appears as an angel of light. This means that the lies he tells us appear to be the truth. Surely God alone can save us from his cunning. His lies will deceive the whole world – take heed that you be not in this group. Let us begin the second part of this most important message. I have picked Colossians chapter 3 at random to show the differences. As you will see we will make a short work of the message and thus focus on the others. Let us begin with Colossians 3:16 which states:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
(Col 3:16) (KJV)

us in all wisdom and that we should use that wisdom we have in the word of Christ to teach and correct one another using psalms and hymns and spiritual songs as the vehicle. We should do this in the spirit of grace as unto the Lord. Again, have the wisdom of the Lord in your heart and teach and correct using songs. For one – how many people do that – have you ever heard of someone teaching using music? The reasons are many, but I can tell you that one of the reasons is – that the other versions have not kept the integrity of the verse.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. (Col 3:16) (NIV)

In this verse we can see that the focus on the wisdom is on the admonishing and not on the word of Christ, which is very different yet subtle. We can also see that there is no direct link instructing us to teach and exhort one another using songs, as the thought is broken. In the NIV we are told to sing songs **and** teach and admonish. In the KJV we are told to teach and admonish using songs etc. It may seem like a small thing, but it is not. The word of God has been changed by men in these last days to confuse the body of Christ. The message translation of the verse is such an abomination to the intent of God’s word I will not spend much time on it.

Let the Word of Christ--the Message--have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! (Col 3:16) (The Message)

Common sense is not the wisdom of God – it is just what it suggests, sense that is common to everyone. Does everyone have the wisdom of God? Does the word of God have any errors? Is this the word that God has preserved forever? No, clearly not; God’s wisdom is not common, it is rare – this is not the word of God (it can be said that the message does contain sense that is common to every man, yet is lacking in the wisdom that comes from above) – if you read the message – throw it out of your house – you will not be instructed by God’s holy wisdom if you read it, only the wisdom of the man who interpreted it. (Notice again how the original intent was changed so that the singing is a separate thought to the word of Christ dwelling in you.)

You might think that the context is not being picked up here so we will look at the whole chapter comparing NIV to KJV. Remember I picked this comparison at random – this was done intentionally to show that these differences are present everywhere.

KJV	NIV
If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)	Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. (Col 3:2)	Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. (Col 3:3)	For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ, <i>who is</i> our life, shall appear. then shall ve also appear with	When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: (Col 3:5)	Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.
For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: (Col 3:6)	Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.
In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. (Col 3:7)	You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.
But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. (Col 3:8)	But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.
Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; (Col 3:9)	Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices
And have put on the new <i>man</i> , which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (Col 3:10)	and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.
Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond <i>nor</i> free: but Christ <i>is</i> all, and in all. (Col 3:11)	Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.
Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; (Col 3:12)	Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also <i>do</i> ye. (Col 3:13)	Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
And above all these things <i>put on</i> charity, which is the bond of perfectness. (Col 3:14)	And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.	Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, <i>do</i> all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (Col 3:17)	And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. (Col 3:18)	Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
Husbands, love <i>your</i> wives, and be not bitter against them. (Col 3:19)	Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.
Children, obey <i>your</i> parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. (Col 3:20)	Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
Fathers, provoke not your children <i>to anger</i> , lest they be discouraged. (Col 3:21)	Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.
Servants, obey in all things <i>your</i> masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: (Col 3:22)	Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.
And whatsoever ye do, do <i>it</i> heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; (Col 3:23)	Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,
Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ. (Col 3:24)	since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done; and there is no respect of persons. (Col 3:25)	Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.

At first glance, you might say there are not a lot of differences. However, after careful review, you will note that the NIV is a dull sword compared to the sharpness of the KJV and you will note some glimpses of the different doctrine that we will magnify in the next section. For instance you might notice that in our comparison you use the KJV to clarify what the NIV is meaning. In the second verse, the word mind is substituted for the word affection. While one could argue that the same meaning is conveyed, there is no argument on which is more precise. To set your affections on things that are above is to show the love and devotion you have towards the things of God. Setting your mind on things above is not as lively an illustration.

One of the biggest faults of the NIV will come in its choice of words in these lists of sins. They are not as precise and in many cases different from the ones that are used in the KJV. For instance, Fornication is a specific sin (verse 5) whereas sexual immorality is very generic. This is an important point because sexual immorality allows the person reading to be the judge of what is and what is not sin – fornication is a specific sin which can be defined and is the same for

everyone. God's truth is simple and easy to define. Satan's counterfeit is a mass of grey area. Again, at the end of the verse, you will see that the KJV uses the word covetousness while the NIV uses the word greed. These are similar but not the same. Greed is usually used in terms of money alone while covetousness can be any property, even a person that is not your own (indeed, as Exodus states, one can even covet his neighbor's wife!) – It is easy to see that covetousness is broader in scope than is greed which is important for the Christian to know. Verse 6 omits the children of disobedience which is an important clarification of who will and who will not make it at the last day. (Can an honest person omit the word of God? Do you believe every word of God is important or are you comfortable with some "scholar" doing an edit job on God's word?) In verse 8 slander and blasphemy are not even close to the same thing as one is usually against your fellow man and the other is against God. Verse 14 does not convey the same meaning as charity and love are not exactly the same, and the KJV adds that charity is the bond of perfectness. While in the NIV says that love binds in perfect unity. Brethren, if these things are not a big deal to you, you need to wake up because this is God's instruction book. These differences are everywhere and while you may think a word here and there is not a big deal – it is very important that you know that charity is the bond of perfection rather than what is shown in the NIV.

In the 15th verse of chapter 3 you will notice that the KJV says that we are called to one body. The NIV says that we are called to peace. Obviously, this is not the same thing. Being called to one body suggests that there is only one church, which proves that denominations are from the evil one. Being called to peace is obviously what we are called to do but not the same as called to one body. Subtle but different:

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

(Gen 3:1)

In verse 18, it is a higher standard to say, husbands, do not be bitter with your wives than it is to say do not be harsh with them. Children, God desires truth in the inward parts. It is possible to be bitter and not harsh. But to be bitter against her is a sin against God. Remember that I chose these passages at random to show you how common and subtle the differences are. Remove the false word from your house (please continue reading so that you will see how perverted this word is)!

As we wind this down I want to look at a few more comparison scriptures that I have chosen to help solidify the truth in your minds.

But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

(Mat 9:13 KJV)

13But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'^[a] For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

(Matt 9:13 NIV)

Saints, this is an outright error! Jesus has not come to call the sinners. He has come to call sinners to repentance. This is a huge difference, and it is one that the organized churches have swallowed. They do believe that Jesus is accepting of your sin. They have neglected that he hates your sin so much that he died on the cross to make a way for you to not live in it any more. He has called sinners to repentance – not called sinners. Please let this sink in and throw away the NIV!

Let us continue on.

So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.
(Mat 20:16 KJV)

16"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."
(Mat 20:16 NIV)

Are you alright with this omission? You will see a continual watering down of God's word and a continual attack on the Holy lifestyle that God wants you to live. Many are called to repentance, but just a few are chosen, but not in the NIV!

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
(2Ti 3:16-17 KJV)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
(2 Ti 3:16-17 NIV)

Brothers and sisters, do you see the different standard set in the two versions. "That the man of God may be perfect" is quite different than "thoroughly equipped." Brethren, God does demand perfection from his people and this is the truth. If there is one doctrine that is different between the KJV and the other versions it is this one. God does demand perfection (Be ye holy as I am Holy.) The other versions continue to set a lower standard beginning with calling sinners and finishing with "do your best". God has never said "Do your best" – he **has** said clearly, Be Holy as I am Holy! You must choose whom you will believe.

The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.
(Luk 6:40 KJV)

A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.
(Luke 6:40 NIV)

Does "fully trained" imply perfection? I don't think that it ever has nor ever will.

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to naught:

(1Co 2:6 KJV)

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

(1 Cor 2:6 NIV)

Does "mature" imply perfection? No, but they are getting warmer. Friends don't be deceived by these little changes. God demands a people that are without blot or blemish, and while this is a topic for another time, the topic we are discussing today is imperative for you to see God's plan for his people.

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

(2Co 13:11 KJV)

Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

(2 Cor 13:11 NIV)

This is outrageous! “Aim for perfection” or simply “be perfect”? One thing is undeniable at this point, the two words are different, and they teach different doctrines. You must decide which one is God’s word because the standard for making it into the kingdom is different in each one. This is your decision, as I cannot make it for you, but I pray that you will consider what I am telling you and be diligent in searching out the truth!

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

(Eph 4:13 KJV)

until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

(Eph 4:13 NIV)

Attaining the full measure of Christ is perfection – which is indeed maturity, but maturity is not necessarily perfection.

Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

(Phi 3:15 KJV)

All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

(Phi 3:15 NIV)

Are you getting the picture? Paul obviously thought himself perfect in the KJV! He is only mature in the NIV. One more.....

Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

(Col 4:12 KJV)

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

(Col 4:12 NIV)

Obviously, I could go on and on. I will stop here on this one, but I would like to point out another fallacy in people’s minds, have you to this point had trouble reading the KJV? It is indeed quite simple to read. You will undoubtedly have to look up some words – but this is not too much to ask is it? My testimony is that I never had understood the word of God so clearly and simply, until I read the KJV. It is now my constant companion and the words are truly more important to me

than my necessary food! Let us look at just a few more....

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

(1Jo 5:7 KJV)

For there are three that testify:

(1 John 5:7 NIV)

Do I need to say anything about this abomination? This is not the same Bible! Get it out of your house!

And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, **How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!**

(Mar 10:23 KJV)

23Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

(Mar 10:23 NIV)

I hope that you are starting to see the folly of these so called scholars. They do not even know God! A poor person can trust in riches. The verses are not the same and the NIV and all of its modern counterparts (for they are all similar) should be thrown out.

Finally,

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; (Rev 13:16 KJV)

He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead,

(Rev 13:16 NIV)

Will the mark of the beast be in our forehead or on it? Different Bible's have different doctrines. This is a very important difference. Can you imagine the mark of the beast being rolled out and Pastors everywhere turning to this false account and saying "My flock, do not worry. The mark of the beast is not in the hand, but on it, see!" Child of God, I have ministered this word to many people. At one time I was ministering to someone and at this point they took a marker and marked out the "on" of Revelation 13:12 and wrote in the word "in". This is not a right spirit. This is a deceitful spirit. Once you see the error, throw the thing out. Don't be satisfied with making one change. Change the book in whole and exchange the false for the truth. In so doing you will allow yourself to fight the good fight with a sharp sword instead of a dull one. I pray that this word helps you to see that the Bibles are indeed different and promote different doctrines. There is much more that has been written on this subject, of which I will be happy upon request, to make some suggestions. Until then, remember that our enemy is a roaring lion and his attacks against your soul are endless. He is more subtle than any beast of the field, and he is wiser than you or me. He has attacked God's word and it is our job to defend it as defenders of the faith. May God's peace dwell with you always. Our God has preserved his word forever and ever! (Depending who you want to believe.)

The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.**

(Psa 12:6-7 KJV)

And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times. O LORD, you will keep **us** safe and protect us from such people forever.

(Psalm 12: 6-7 NIV)

May God be true and every man a liar!

Amen.

God's Way of Holiness

Horatius Bonar

Circa 1864

“For there is some danger of falling into a soft and effeminate Christianity, under the plea of a lofty and ethereal theology. Christianity was born for endurance...It walks with firm step and erect frame; it is kindly, but firm; it is gentle, but honest; it is calm, but not facile; obliging, but not imbecile; decided, but not churlish. It does not fear to speak the stern word of condemnation against error, nor to raise its voice against surrounding evils, under the pretext that it is not of this world. It does not shrink from giving honest reproof lest it come under the charge of displaying an unchristian spirit. It calls sin “sin”, on whomsoever it is found, and would rather risk the accusation of being actuated by a bad spirit than not discharge an explicit duty. Let us not midjudge strong words used in honest controversy. Out of the heat a viper may come forth; but we shake it off and feel no harm. The religion of both Old and New Testaments is marked by fervent outspoken testimonies against evil. To speak smooth things in such a case may be sentimentalism, but it is not Christianity. It is betrayal of the cause of truth and righteousness. If anyone should be frank, manly, honest, cheerful (I do not say blunt or rude, for a Christian must be courteous and polite), it is he who has tasted that the lord is gracious, and is looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of the God. I know that charity covereth a multitude of sins; but it does not call evil good, because a good man has done it; it does not excuse inconsistencies, because the inconsistent brother has a high name and a fervent spirit. Crookedness and worldliness are still crookedness and worldliness, though exhibited in one who seems to have reached no common height of attainment.”

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