

4 Fatal Doctrinal Errors In the NIV

Introduction

What Bible version do you use and does it matter?

Satan's first utterance in the Bible is... "...And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? **Genesis 3:1**

...Yea, hath God said

In Genesis 11, God confounded the languages because... "And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. **7** Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." **Genesis 11:6-7**

...and now nothing will be restrained from them

...and there CONFOUND their language that they MAY NOT understand one another's SPEECH

Think about this... on the day of Pentecost when the Apostles began to speak in tongues... "Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language." **Acts 2:6**

...were CONFOUNDED, because that EVERY MAN heard them speak in HIS OWN LANGUAGE

What are the odds that God can speak English? What's the chance that IF God wanted to, He could preserve His words in an English Bible as a final authority? What we have experienced since the days of the King James 1611 Bible is Satan's Babel in confusing the words of God via the myriad of Bible translations! In an attempt to make God's 'word' easier to understand, we now have NO IDEA what God hath said!

Focus of this post will be on doctrine & not on the obvious, though cited first. There are 63,625 less words in the NIV from that of the KJB and even though we're zeroing in on the NIV, same omissions & notations are in the ESV (English Standard Version) as with the NWT (New World Translation (Jehovah Witness Bible)) along with most other modern versions. The following verses are completely removed: Matthew 17:21; 18:11; 23:14; Mark 7:16; 9:44, 46; 15:28; Luke 17:36; 23:17; John 5:4; Acts 8:37; 15:34; 24:7; 28:29; Romans 16:24. Mark 16:9-20 & John 7:53-8:11 are added AFTER following notations: [The two most reliable early manuscripts do not have Mark 16:9-20.]; [The earliest and most reliable manuscripts do not have John 7:53-8:11]

Though more details are given on each of these following points in previous FB posts & on my website, The Gospel According to a King James Bible, deviation will clearly be shown.

Four Fatal Doctrinal Errors In the NIV:

A. Denial of Distinction Between Justification By Faith & Through Faith

Romans 3:30 (KJB) Seeing *it is* one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

... circumcision BY faith, and uncircumcision THROUGH faith

Romans 3:30 (NIV) since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith.

...and the uncircumcised through that SAME FAITH

John the Baptist & Apostles preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins at offering the kingdom of heaven to Israel. Peter preached Christ resurrected, according to prophecy, to sit on the throne of David at Christ's return IF she repented (Lk 7:29-30; Mk 16:16; Acts 2:29-41; 3:19-20).

Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, NEVER preached the baptism of repentance nor 'sent' to baptize (1Cor 1&2)! While based on the prophets, Paul's gospel was the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery, kept secret since the foundation of the world, now being made known to all nations for the obedience OF FAITH (Rom 16:25-26).

Paul's Romans is a book of distinctions and at the very heart of these distinctions is Paul distinguishing the difference between justification 'by faith' from that of justification 'through faith'. Not only is the NIV wrong... it's HERESY in stating that the uncircumcision was being justified via the same METHOD (by faith) as had been the Jew. The very context of Romans 3:28-30 & chapters 5 & 10:1-10 is proving that imputed righteousness to Gentiles was based on the faith of Abraham, pointing back to Genesis 15, where righteousness was imputed to Abraham in simply believing & NOT ON obedience. The Gentile NOW being justified 'by faith' WITHOUT the deeds of the law (Rom 3:28), as clearly demonstrated in Romans 10:1-10, is the VERY deduction Paul makes in Romans 3:30 in stating... which shall justify the circumcision BY faith, and the uncircumcision THROUGH faith; believing in the faith of Christ (Rom 3:21-26)!

The NIV propagates a works justification as evidenced by denominations that still insist on baptism w/water for salvation, as well as other elements, AS WAS under the kingdom gospel to Israel, in obedience to that gospel... "believe & be baptized" (Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38).

B. Denies Distinction Between Peter's & Paul's Gospels

Galatians 2:7-8 (KJB) But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as *the gospel* of the circumcision was unto Peter; **8** (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

...the gospel OF THE UNCIRCUMCISION was committed unto ME

...as *the gospel* OF THE CIRCUMCISION was unto PETER

Galatians 2:7-8 (NIV) On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised,[a]just as Peter had been to the circumcised.[b] **8** For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles.

...I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel TO the uncircumcised

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The NIV simply echoes itself regarding the agreement made concerning focus groups eliminating distinctions between Peter & Paul's gospels! NIV simply has BOTH preaching SAME message.

Paul was an apostle of Jesus Christ & not of men (Gal 1:1). Paul neither received his gospel from man or was taught it (Gal 1:11-12), but by the revelation of Jesus Christ (Gal 1:12). Paul journeyed to Jerusalem to communicate THAT GOSPEL which he was preaching AMONG the GENTILES (Gal 2:1-2), with distinction being made between the gospel OF the circumcision & OF the uncircumcision (Gal 2:7-8).

There were distinctions to be made between Paul's gospel, from that of the circumcision, as one already covered being God was justifying Gentiles through faith... the faith of Abraham. Another distinction was that the Gentile was liberated from the customs of Moses (Acts 15) to which the Jew WASN'T excused from... "...Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:" **Acts 21:20** (Cf. Acts 15).

C. Denies Right Division of the Word of Truth

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJB) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

...RIGHTLY DIVIDING the word of truth

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV) Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

...who CORRECTLY HANDLES the word of truth

Timothy, more than anyone else, should have understood this principle of 'right division' having gone under physical circumcision while Titus was excused (Cp. Acts 16:1-3 w/Gal 2:1-5) 😊 Want to know what is sound doctrine for today? Compare what is being taught to Paul's gospel (1Tim 1:10), remembering... "Howbeit for THIS CAUSE I obtained mercy, that in ME FIRST Jesus Christ might shew forth ALL LONGSUFFERING, for a PATTERN to THEM which should HEREAFTER believe on him to life everlasting. **1 Timothy 1:16**

I often jest, in this comparison, that a mother 'correctly handles' a freshly baked pie, from the oven to the kitchen table, to then 'rightly divide' it among the father & children. The biggest cause of and failure within the denominational system is in not rightly dividing the word of truth!

I've been accused of misrepresenting 2 Timothy 2:15 as well as argued against any notion of a distinction between justification 'by faith' & 'through faith' and that Peter & Paul preached separate gospels. I wonder what Bible & commentaries they're getting their theology from?

D. Diminishes the Godhead

1 John 5:7 (KJB) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

...and these THREE ARE ONE

1 John 5:7 (NIV) For there are three that testify:

1 John 5:7 (ESV) For there are three that testify:

1 John 5:7 (NASB) For there are three that testify:

1 John 5:7 (NRSV) There are three that testify:

1 John 5:7 (TLB) So we have these three witnesses:

1 John 5:7 (NWT) For there are three witness bearers,

Does much have to be said here? What is the reader's view on the Godhead & deity of Jesus Christ? Who would win in defense of oneness & unity within this passage in a case against a Jehovah Witness? Majority rules; correct? Which of these versions reflects the word of God here?

Which Bible or version do you use? What is your final authority... the Hebrew? Greek? A particular version or collection of translations? Perhaps a particular theologian or preacher? Do you believe the Bible in your hand is the 'word' of God or the 'words' of God? Inspired? Preserved? Best translation or simply a translation? If you'd give your definition to the expression 'word of God', as so often used from behind pulpits, what would it be? Does it make a difference? It does make a difference!

Yea, hath God said?