

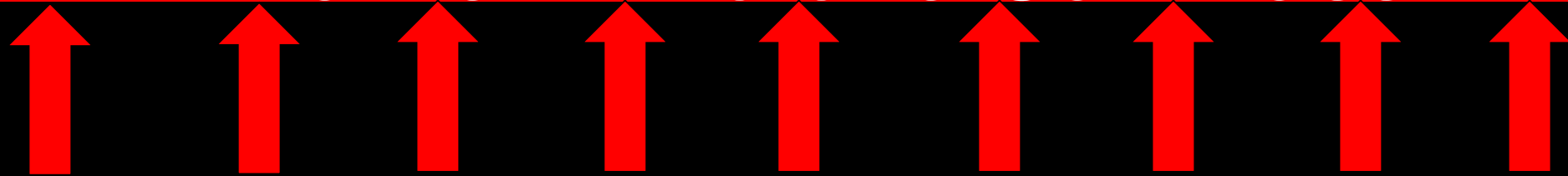
The Inspired Word of God

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe 1Th. 2:13

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Tim 3:16-17

God's Mind
Things

A Barrier – No one Can Pass



- *Eye has not seen,*
- *nor ear heard,*
- *Nor have entered into the heart of man*
- *The **things** which God has prepared for those who love Him. 1Cor 2:9*

God's Mind
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Inspiration
1 Cor 2:10-12

A Barrier – No one Can Pass

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- *Unto us God revealed **them***
- *Through the **SPIRIT***
- *The **SPIRIT** searches all **things***
- *The deep **things** of God.*
- *We received the **SPIRIT** from God*
- *We know the things freely given to us by God.*

Inspired
Man's Mind
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Inspiration in Old Testament

*no prophecy ever came by the will of man:
but men spoke from God, being moved by
the Holy Spirit. 2 Pet 1:20-21*

OT into NT

*10 Of this salvation **the prophets** have inquired and searched carefully, **who prophesied of the grace that would come to you**, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, **the Spirit of Christ** who was in them was indicating when **He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.** 1 Peter 1:10-12*

OT into NT

To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven —1Peter 1:10-12

Inspiration 1 Cor 2:10-12

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Apostles and prophets
Eph 3:5

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Old Testament
1 Pet 1:10-11
2 Pet 1:20-21

New Testament
Jn 14:26; 16:12-13
Mt 10:19-20
Gal 1:11-12

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the Holy Spirit,... shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 14:26

when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth: ... Jn 16:12-13

be not anxious how or what ye shall speak:...for it is not you that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaks in you. Mt 10:19-20

the gospel which was preached by me,...is not after man. ...either did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ. Gal 1:11-12

which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: Eph 3:5-6

Inspiration 1 Cor 2:9-13

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Spoken Words

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- Eph 3:3-4
- I Cor 14:37

Written Words

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by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, 4 ... when you read, you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ; Eph 3:3-4

If any man thinks himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things which I write unto you, that they are the commandment of the Lord. 1 Cor 14:37

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Written Words

God Will Preserve Forever!

- *The words of the Lord are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times. 7 You shall keep them, O Lord, You shall preserve them from this generation forever. Ps 12:6-7*

Forever Settled in Heaven

Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. 90 Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. 91 They continue this day according to Your ordinances, For all are Your servants. Ps 119:89-91

Gospel is incorruptible – Forever

having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, 25 But the word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you. 1 Peter 1:23-25

Living and Active

For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Heb 4:12-13

My Words Will Not Pass Away

*"Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but **My words will not pass away.***

Mt 24:34-35

My Words Will Judge in Last Day

*He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — **the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.** 49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. John 12:48-50*

Trust in the Lord

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Prov. 3:5-7

Trust in the Lord

*But God has chosen the **foolish** things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the **weak** things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the **base** things of the world and the things which are **despised** God has chosen, and the things which **are not**, to bring to nothing the things that are, 1Cor 1:27-29*

The methods of God's choice do not meet with the approval of the wise today.

How God Kept His Promise

God took no active role we can see or trace.

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Can't trace back anything back to the beginning.

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1 THE TWO CITIES

Dr. Jack Moorman, who spent many years in researching the question of Bible versions, has stated that the transmission of the Greek text of the New Testament is essentially a "tale of two cities", viz. Antioch and Alexandria. Dr. Moorman writes: "Just as surely as the King James text was woven into the spiritual life of Antioch in Syria, so was the modern versions text in Alexandria. Today a person must decide whether he is more comfortable with a Bible whose roots go back to one of the other of these two cities, certainly Antioch has by far the most glorious heritage."

ANTIOCH: Here was the springboard for the Gentile church. It became the center for Gentile Christians just as Jerusalem was for the Jews. "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch" (Acts 11:26). Antioch was the center for the outreach of the apostle Paul and his missionary journeys. Many of the disciples also visited Antioch. Antioch was the 'heartbeat' of Christianity.

ALEXANDRIA: The place where most of the modern texts and translations originated, had no such glory. It is true, however, that Alexandria became a center of intellectualism. Such men as Clement and Origen were active in this area. It was also noted as a place where every deviation in the text was represented. Religious corruption and false doctrines were prevalent including Gnosticism, Arianism, pagan philosophy, etc. Alexandria was the place where the intellectuals of Christianity were attracted.

2 THE TWO ESSENTIALS

Since God has inspired His Word has He also preserved His Word? Has He preserved it for every generation?

The Westminster Confession (1546) states: "The Scriptures were immediately inspired of God and under His singular care and providence kept pure in all ages."

The Bible has the final say in the matter. The words of the Lord are pure words. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, Thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. (Psalm 12: 6,7).

If we accept the **Inspiration** of Scripture we must also accept that every word has been and will be **Preserved** through the ages in the church. Both together are essential doctrines.

TRADITIONAL TEXT LINE

5210 MSS. †

ANTIOCH

APOSTLES

ORIGINAL N.T. MSS. 30-90 A.D.

SYRIAN MSS.(PESHITTA). 100-200 A.D.

OLD LATIN & SYRIAC OF ORIGINALS. 100-200 A.D.

PAPYRI MSS. (85% = TRAD. TEXT) † 150-400 A.D.

UNCIAL & CURSIVE MSS. (99% = TRAD. TEXT) † 150-1500A.D.

LATIN BIBLES (WALDENSIANS ETC.) 1100 A.D.-1300 A.D.

ERASMUS GREEK N.T. 1522 A.D.

MARTIN LUTHER BIBLE 1522 A.D.-1534 A.D. (GERMAN)

TYNDALES N.T. 1525 A.D. COVERDALE BIBLE 1535 A.D. MATTHEWS BIBLE 1537 A.D. GREAT BIBLE 1539 A.D. (ENGLISH)

STEPHENS GREEK N.T. 1550 A.D.

GENEVA BIBLE 1560 A.D. BISHOPS BIBLE 1568 A.D. (ENGLISH)

BEZAS GREEK N.T. 1598 A.D.

KING JAMES BIBLE 1611 A.D.

THE PURE WORD OF GOD

PROVIDENTIAL PRESERVATION OF THE TEXT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

CORRUPTION OF THE SCRIPTURES (Gnosticism, Arianism, pagan philosophy)

BIBLE OF: WALDENSIANS: (ITALIC) DONATISTS; GAULS; CELTS. 120-1400 A.D.

WYCLIFFE N.T. (ENGLISH) 1380 A.D.

REFORMATION 1517 A.D.

ANABAPTISTS 1525 A.D.

PROTESTANTISM

MENNONITES, DUTCH BAPTISTS QUAKERS

ENGLISH BAPTIST

REFORMED LUTHERAN, PRESBYTERIAN, C.O.F.E.

ALEXANDRIAN TEXT LINE

45 MSS. †

ALEXANDRIA

PAPYRUS MSS.(P66,P75,ETC.) 200 A.D.

CLEMENT 150-215 A.D.

ORIGEN 184-254 A.D.

EUSEBIUS 260-340 A.D.

VATICANUS MSS. 331 A.D.

SINAITICUS MSS. 331 A.D.

CONSTANTINE 312 A.D.

LATIN VULGATE 382 A.D.

JEROME 382 A.D.

ALEXANDRINUS MS. 450 A.D.

RHEIMS-DOUAY BIBLE. 1582 A.D. (ENGLISH)

GREEK NEW TESTAMENTS GREISBACH 1805 A.D. LACHMANN 1850 A.D. TREGELLES 1870 A.D. TISCHENDORF 1870 A.D. ALFORD 1872 A.D.

WESTCOTT-HORT GREEK N.T. 1881 A.D.

NESTLE GREEK N.T. 1898 A.D. (+26 revisions)

REVISED VERSION 1881 A.D.

A.S.V.,R.S.V.,J.B.L.B.,T.E.V.,N.E.B.,N.I.V., N.A.S.V.,G.N.B.,N.R.S.V.,N.A.B.,C.E.V., N.B.V.,N.K.J.V.,(footnotes.) J.E.H. WITNESS BIBLE etc.

CORRUPTED MODERN VERSIONS

3 THE TWO HERETICS *

CLEMENT: He accepted Greek philosophy and the Apocrypha as divinely authoritative. He was head of the catechetical school at Alexandria and believed that salvation could be obtained through various means including baptism, faith and works, faith alone etc.

ORIGEN: He also became head of the catechetical school. A man of superior intellect he however denied the Bible's historicity, eternal punishment, the Holy Spirit's eternality, salvation by grace etc. He was given to the allegorizing of scripture.

* Data from: "Final Authority" by William P. Grady.

4 THE TWO FALSE WITNESSES **

Discarded and hidden for 1500 years, these two corrupted manuscripts form the basis of all MODERN VERSIONS. They disagree with each other in over 3000 places in the Gospels alone. It is the VATICAN MSS. (which include the Apocrypha) that the translators mostly relied upon. Both had their roots in Alexandria and show the influence of Origen.

** Data from H.C. Hoskier's "Codex B and its Allies".

A total of 43 other manuscripts indicate some support for this text compared to 5210 which support the Traditional Text. †

John W. Burgon states: "These are two of the least trustworthy documents in existence..." ("Revision Revised")

5 THE TWO APOSTATE REVISIONISTS

Westcott and Hort: Both were apostates. Westcott did not accept: Genesis 1-3; Bodily resurrection of Christ; Miracles and literal coming of Christ. Was partial to Romish ways. Hort did not accept the infallibility of Scripture. He also favored Darwin's theory of evolution. Both men did not believe in eternal punishment or the vicarious atonement. (Data from: "Life & Letters"; 1866, 1903.)

6 CHANGES COMPARED WITH THE TRAD. TEXT. *

GREEK WORDS: Added=306; Omitted=2987

VERSES: Omitted = 20

* Data from E.W. Fowler's "Evaluating Versions of the N.T."

Note: Most of these changes originate in the W-H text and most have been carried into the modern versions.

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