

How To STUDY THE BIBLE @ FBC NAC



Part 3 — Sunday, April 2, 2017

Description

— Often our desire to be faithful students of the Bible exceeds our ability. We begin our personal Bible study times with the best of intentions, but then we get sidetracked by the complexity of the Bible or by passages we can't understand. Maybe we struggle to stay consistent because we are in a Bible study rut and our study times have lost some of their excitement and impact. In this multi-week study, we will learn how to study the Bible in new ways that will help us be more consistent and faithful, and to get more out of our daily time in God's word.

Overview

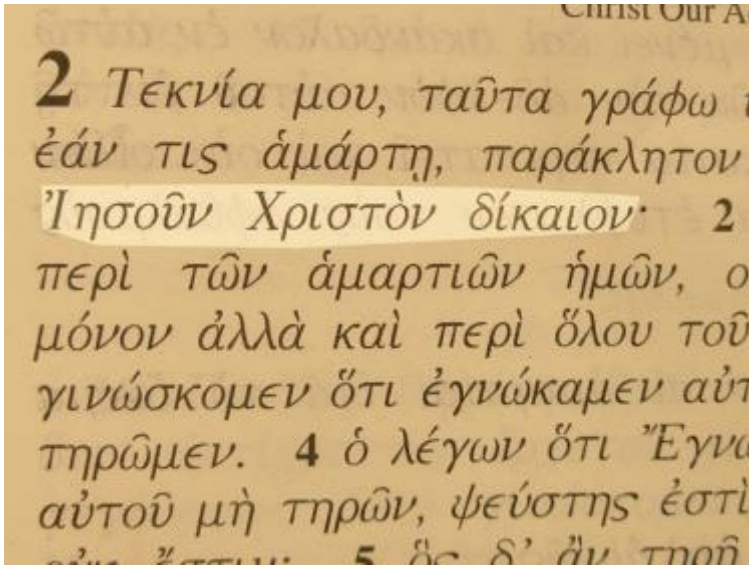
- I. Bible Translation
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Bible Translation

- The Old Testament was mostly written in _____.
 - This is not exactly the same as modern Hebrew although similarities exist.



- The New Testament was mostly written in _____.
 - This is a dead language.
 - Different from the Greek of Homer (Ancient Greek) and from Modern Greek (dating back to 11th century).



— We won't spend a lot of time on this, but I want you to know that the Bible comes to us from another language.

Bible Versions

Two biggest Bible versions rules:

- Don't be a version _____.
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Issues in selecting a Bible version

- Accuracy/source
 - Newer Bible versions will generally have better sources.
 - The difference in sources between the Textus Receptus (1516) of the KJV all the way to the Nestle-Aland Novum Testamentum Graece, 28th edition (2012) of the CSB, is not significant enough to lead anyone astray.
 - Most people, who criticize the accuracy of a translation, don't have the expertise to do so.
 - Most common Bible versions available today will suffice.
- _____
 - If any Bible version advertises itself as having an agenda, no matter the agenda, stay away.

- _____ level

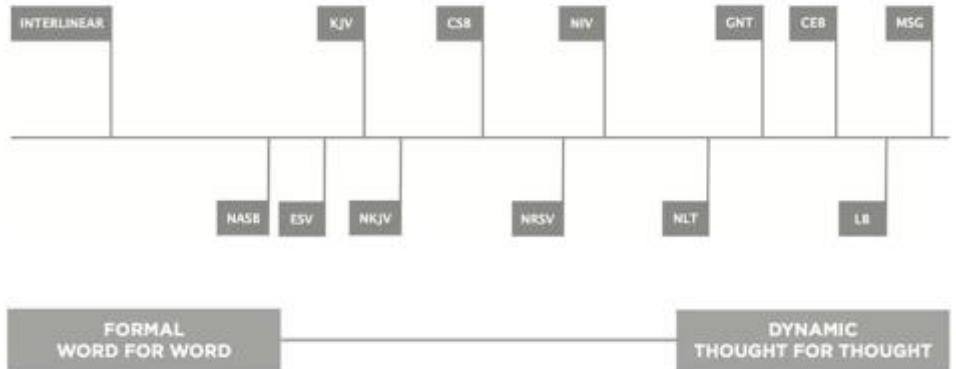
- Mounce – 12+ (ages 17+)
- KJV – 12+ (ages 17+)
- RSV – 12+ (ages 17+)
- Geneva – 12+ (ages 17+)
- WEB – 12+ (ages 17+)
- NRSV – 11+ (ages 16+)
- NASB – 11+ (ages 16+)
- Amplified – 11+ (ages 16+)
- MEV – 11+ (ages 16+)
- LEB – 11+ (ages 16+)
- ESV – 10+ (ages 15+)
- J.B. Phillips NT – 10+ (ages 15+)
- NABRE – 9+ (ages 14+)
- NIV – 7+ (ages 12+)
- CEB – 7+ (ages 12+)
- NET – 7+ (ages 12+)
- GNT – 7+ (ages 12+)
- ISV – 7+ (ages 12+)
- NKJV – 7+ (ages 12+)
- HCSB – 7+ (ages 12+)
- The Voice – 6+ (ages 11+)
- NLT – 6+ (ages 11+)
- CEV – 5+ (ages 10+)
- GW – 5+ (ages 10+)
- The Message – 4+ (ages 9+)
- Living – 4+ (ages 9+)
- ERV – 4+ (ages 9+)
- NCV – 3+ (ages 7+)
- ICB – 3+ (ages 7+)
- Nlrv – 3+ (ages 7+)

- Translation _____

Bible Translation Comparison

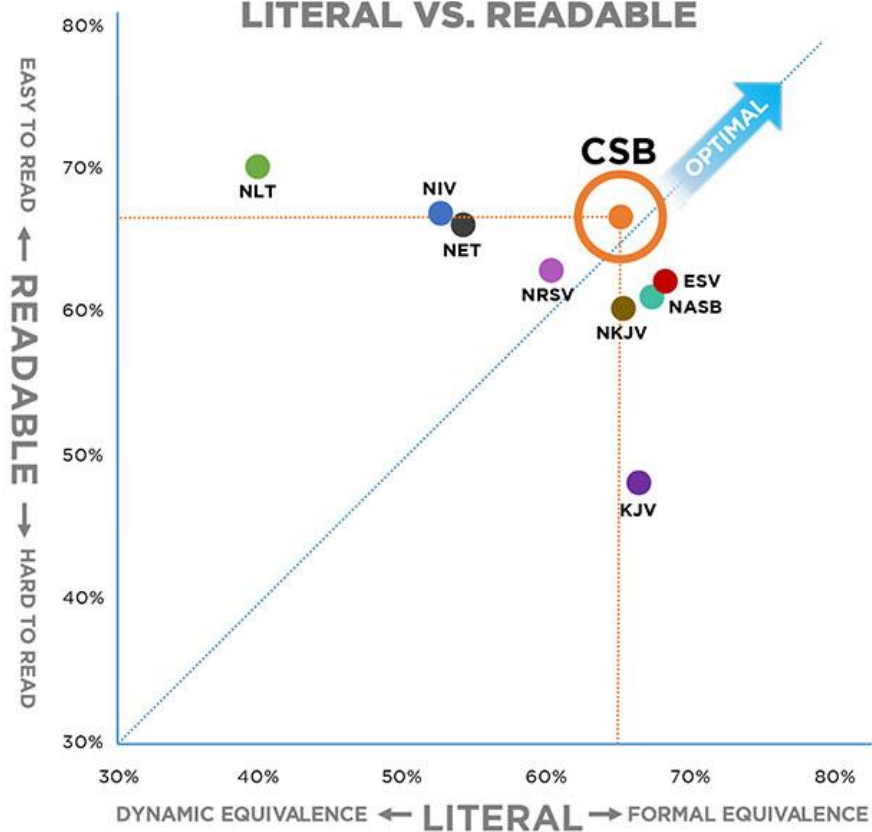


BIBLE TRANSLATION CONTINUUM



Bible translations shown in the top half of the chart are original translations directly from ancient languages to English. Versions shown below the line began with the English text of another Bible translation.

LITERAL VS. READABLE



21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

21 But now, apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed —attested by the Law and the Prophets

22 —that is, God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe, since there is no distinction.

23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

24 They are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

25 God presented Him as a propitiation through faith in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His restraint God passed over the sins previously committed.

26 God presented Him to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be righteous and declare righteous the one who has faith in Jesus.

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

21 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago.

22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

24 Yet God freely and graciously declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past,

26 for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

21 But in our time something new has been added. What Moses and the prophets witnessed to all those years has happened.

22 The God-setting-things-right that we read about has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us. And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in him. For there is no difference between us and them in this.

23 Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us,

24 God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.

25 God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in him sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public—to set the world in the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins he had so patiently endured.

26 This is not only clear, but it's now—this is current history! God sets things right. He also makes it possible for us to live in his righteousness.

Bible Veracity

The Historicity of Scripture

Questions used by Historians to Determine the Veracity and Reliability of Documents

1. What is the _____ of the Documents?
2. What is the _____ of the Documents?
3. What is the _____ for the Documents?

The Integrity of the Documents

Facts:

... Between A.D. 107 - 110, Ignatius and Polycarp quoted passages from 25 of the 27 books.

... In A.D. 95 Clement of Rome quoted passages from Matthew, Mark, Luke, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Ephesians, 1 Timothy, Titus, Hebrews, James, and 1 Peter.

... The burning and destruction of Jerusalem was the most significant event in that area's history. It happened in A.D. 70. It was prophesied to happen by Jesus Christ. Yet it is not mentioned in any of the New Testament books. Therefore the books must have been written prior to A.D. 70.

... The book of Acts ends with Paul and James still alive. We know Paul was executed during the reign of Nero which ended in A.D. 68 and we know that James was executed in A.D. 62.

... So the very latest Acts could have been written was A.D. 62.

... Since Acts refers to it being written as a follow up to the book of Luke then Luke was written prior to A.D. 62.

... Since Luke borrows material from Mark, then Mark was written prior to Luke.

... There is strong evidence that 1 Corinthians was written between A.D. 55-56.

... So the whole New Testament was written between A.D. 40-80.

Why not even earlier?

Do we have a copy of these early documents?

Let's look at how many copies we have.

... _____ hand written Greek manuscripts

... 9,000 in other languages of the day (Syriac, Coptic, Latin, Arabic)

... How does that compare?

... _____ Greek manuscripts of all or part of the New Testament.

... _____ manuscripts with all or part of the Iliad by Homer.

... _____ manuscripts from the writings of Plato.

Let's look at how early those copies are.

... Time gap for earliest Greek manuscript: _____ years.

... Time gap for earliest of the Iliad manuscript: _____ years.

... Time gap for earliest of the Plato manuscript: _____ years.

What about errors?

Sample of easily fixable errors:

... I can do all t#ings through Christ who gives me strength.

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_____ % of errors did not change anything about the meaning of the passage.

_____ % of errors changed a doctrine or belief not confirmed elsewhere in Scripture.

_____ % of the text is copied verbatim.

The Accuracy of the Documents

Archeology is a friend of the Bible.

- ... James Bone Box
- ... Recent archeological evidence of Pontius Pilate and Caiaphas.
- ... Recent archeological evidence of Roman Census and the date of Christ's birth.
- ... Recent archeological evidence of nails being driven through hands and feet in crucifixions around the time of Christ.

Book of Acts and details...

The Corroboration for the Documents

Those ten non-Christian sources tell us the following things about Christ:

1. Jesus lived during the time of Tiberius Caesar.
2. He lived a virtuous life.
3. He was a wonder-worker.
4. He had a brother named James.
5. He was acclaimed to be the Messiah.
6. He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
7. He was crucified on the eve of the Jewish Passover.
8. Darkness and an earthquake occurred when he died.
9. His disciples believed he rose from the dead.
10. His disciples were willing to die for their belief.
11. Christianity spread rapidly as far as Rome.
12. His disciples denied the Roman gods and worshiped Jesus as God.

What are some possible objections to the Bible?

Objection #1: The fact the Bible contains _____ proves it is not true.

What are the miracles objections?

A. Miracles violate science.

B. Why are there no biblical quality miracles today?

Objection #2: There are a _____ of 'gospels' and the Bible was corrupted in the _____ century.

Objection #3: The Bible is filled with _____.

What is the truth about Contradictions?

- Just because you don't know the explanation doesn't mean there _____ one.
- Some things don't _____ plainly.
- Descriptions don't have to be _____ to be true.
 - What is your standard really?