



# Hunger For Truth

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*“Let us Hunger For Truth”*

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It is our desire that Hunger For Truth edifies, blesses and encourages you in your walk with the Lord. Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for us. We greatly appreciate your comments and we praise God for each and every one of you.

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## *The DANGER of the Modern Bible Versions (The ESV) (Part 1 of 3) (By: Dr. Terry Watkins)*

The following is **part 3** of a study on the danger of modern Bible versions. In this study, we will be looking at every modern version and seeing its dangers and why we as English speaking Christians need to use **ONLY the King James Bible!** Please look for a new study on modern versions posted in upcoming issues of Hunger For Truth. We trust this will be edifying and convicting as well as a blessing and encouragement to readers. Thank you for reading. We praise God for the privilege of being able to share this study with you. May God richly bless!

### **THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ENGLISH *SUB*STANDARD VERSION**

By: Terry Watkins

Every few years (for the last 40+), a new Bible suddenly appears that claims to “finally” translate the words of God clear and “finally” (after 200+ English versions) translate the words of God into our “everyday language” so we can “finally” understand the Word of God.

## ***And finally it's here!***

In 2001, Crossway Books gave birth to the English Revised Standard (ESV) into the crowded family of Bible versions. Much like the heralded arrival of the RSV, ASV, NIV, NASV, NRSV, CEV, NCV, and every other version for the last 100 years – Crossway proudly trumpets, we've "finally" done it! We've "finally" produced an accurate and easy to understand English Word of God! Hallelujah! "Finally" after all these years, and money, and Bibles, (and money), and translators, (and money), and accolades, (and money) – we "finally" have an accurate, easy to read, reliable, beautiful, faithful, \_\_\_\_\_ (just fill in the blank) Bible! Thank you Crossway publishers! You "finally" accomplished what the Holy Spirit could not do in 2,000 years!

As ridiculous as that sounds -- that is the belief of many of today's "Christian" leaders. Think I'm exaggerating? Then read the following glowing ESV endorsements from the ESV web site (<http://www.esv.org/about/endorsements>, bold emphasized added):

"The translation is outstanding. **The ESV achieves a new standard** in accurate Bible translations for our day."  
Dr. R. C. Sproul

"**The wait is over!... I am thrilled to finally possess a translation that excels** for serious study, devotional reading, Scripture memorization, and the preaching/teaching event. **The ESV truly is a Bible for all of life.**"  
Yancey Arrington  
*Teaching Pastor, Clear Creek Community Church*

"**The ESV is the text I have been waiting for my entire life. . .**"  
Rev. Ranald Macaulay  
*L'Abri Fellowship*

"**The ESV is what I've wanted for myself and my church for twenty-five years**—one Bible we can all read, study, memorize, and give to our children."  
Dr. Joseph F. (Skip) Ryan  
*Pastor, Park Cities Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas*

"I am so impressed with the clarity, beauty, and power of the ESV that **I feel that I am reading the Bible again for the first time**. From now on the ESV will be my Bible of choice. I simply don't have the words to say how thankful I am for the ESV, its faithfulness to the original, and its beauty."  
Steve Brown  
*Professor of Preaching, Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando, Florida*

"The ESV is, I believe, **the most accurate English translation of the Bible ever completed**. I rely on it myself for classroom study, for my own devotional reading, and for leading family worship. **Those who choose the ESV can be sure they are reading the very Word of God.**"  
Daniel R. Heimbach  
*Professor of Christian Ethics, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary*

"After twenty years of teaching God's Word and changing translations **I have found at last, by God's grace, a translation that is easy to read and immensely accurate. . .**"  
James MacDonald, *Senior Pastor, Harvest Bible Chapel, Rolling Meadows, Illinois*

"**At last a translation** that majors on accuracy, combined with a modern, fluent style. I am

confident that in time the ESV will become the standard translation for the English-speaking world.”  
The Rt. Rev. Wallace Benn, *Bishop of Lewes, England*

“**The ESV represents a new level of excellence** in Bible translations—combining unquestionable accuracy in translation with a beautiful style of expression. It is faithful to the text, easy to understand, and a pleasure to read. **This is a translation you can trust.**”  
Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr., *President, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*

“I am delighted to express my great appreciation for the English Standard Version. As soon as I started using the ESV I **realized what a treasure it is.** . . .”  
Dr. Kendell H. Easley, *Chairman, Department of New Testament and Greek, Mid-American Baptist Theological Seminary*

“An excellent translation **that can be trusted.**”  
Dr. John F. Walvoord, *Chancellor, Dallas Theological Seminary*

“In translation philosophy and original-language fidelity, **for many settings the ESV surpasses all other English language translations.**”  
Dr. Robert W. Yarbrough, *New Testament Chair, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School*

“For our churches and pulpits, as well as for our students, it is critically important to have a Bible translation that does not compromise orthodox theology or gender issues, and that is both faithful to the languages of the text and eminently readable. **The ESV uniquely fulfills that prescription.**”  
Dr. Paige Patterson, *President, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*

“**I believe the ESV is the Bible of the future.** It is readable, accurate, and reverent.”  
Dr. Thomas R. Schreiner, *Professor of New Testament, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*

“I recommend the ESV as **the best literal translation for Bible study** in my hermeneutics class and in Bible study seminars. Congratulations on a job well done.”  
Dr. Grant R. Osborne, *Professor of New Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (Deerfield, Illinois)*

I have been using the ESV for my readings, study, and teaching since its original introduction in 2001. I find it to be a great balance between literalness and readability. Also, as one who has been reading the Bible and memorizing portions of it, for sixty years, **I appreciate the essential continuity with the older English translations such as the King James Version.**  
Jerry Bridges, *Author, The Pursuit of Holiness*

These are just a few of the scores of lustrous endorsements found on the ESV web site. As we continue our examination of the ESV, the words of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 15:14 certainly rings loud and clear on the ESV cheerleaders, “Let them alone: **they be blind leaders of the blind.** And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.” (Matthew 15:14)

During our investigation of the ESV several things will be revealed: a web of deceit sustains the modern day Bible publishing market; they all attack the King James Bible; they do not believe in any infallible English Word of God and truth is not their mission. And while this article deals with the ESV, the same indictment applies to virtually every new Bible. Over 300+ versions of the English Bible have been published since the King James Bible of 1611. And every new Bible’s mantra is the same: it’s more accurate; it’s easier to understand and it updates the King James Bible. And every new Bible finds a few thousand (or million) gullible Christians blindly seeking for some miraculous illumination of the scriptures. As Brother Lester Roloff preached many times, “We don’t need to rewrite the Bible, we need to re-read it.”

# THE READIBILITY LIE. . .

Before we even begin our examination of the ESV let us remove the chief justification of every new Bible version published.

Every new Bible that hits the market attacks the King James Bible with the flat-out lie that the KJB is too hard to understand. They all claim that the King James Bible is too archaic. You can't understand the Elizabethan language. It's just too difficult to understand. This is the number one reason people lay down their King James Bible. They've been lead to believe they can not understand the King James Bible. The Preface of the ESV naturally repeats the "easier to read, clearer" promise:

**“Archaic language has been brought to current usage and significant corrections** have been made in the translation of key texts. . . .

In punctuating, paragraphing, dividing long sentences, and rendering connectives, the ESV follows the path that seems to make the ongoing flow of **thought clearest in English.**”

(Preface, English Standard Version)

## The Facts. . .

We “scientifically and grammatically” compared the ESV to the archaic, hard-to-understand King James Bible.

**Note: To prove and validate our results. Anyone with a PC, a Bible Program, and WordPerfect can easily (in less than 30 minutes) duplicate the following tests.**

Utilizing Quickverse Bible software, we copied the complete New Testament text of the King James Bible and the ESV into text files. With no modifications, no editing, but exactly as they came from Quickverse, we opened the KJB and the ESV New Testament text files in Corel Wordperfect. We then simply performed the Grammar checking function within WordPerfect.

**Note:** The WordPerfect Grammar checking function uses the authoritative and industry-standard Flesch-Kincaid readability scale formulas. Rudolf Flesch is the pioneer of Readability studies and author of several readability books, including the best-selling "Why Johnny Can't Read". Without question, Dr. Flesch is the recognized authority in this discipline.

And what was the result? The King James Bible literally “blew the doors off” the ESV! **The following verifiable scientific results do not lie.**

DESCRIPTION	KJB	ESV
Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level (Lower Easier to Read)	4.32	8.22
Sentence Complexity (Lower Easier to Read)	29	61
Vocabulary Complexity (Lower Easier to Read)	2	10
Short Sentences (Higher Easier to Read)	10342	3441
Simple Sentences (Higher Easier to Read)	5728	2301
Big Words (Lower Easier to Read)	7020	13478
Average Words per Sentence (Lower Easier to Read)	8.78	18.82

**As you can see from our easy to verify results, the readability statistics of the much aligned "hard-to-understand" King James Bible clearly knocks the ESV out of the park!**

*The Bible for Today* published an interesting and revealing book titled, *The Comparative Readability of the Authorized Version*, by D.A. Waite, Jr. Using computer readability software (Grammatik 4.0, Grammatik 5.0, Word for Windows) Mr. Waite, spent hundreds of hours, lasting over three years, analyzing every word in the King James Bible, the American Standard Version (ASV), the Revised Standard Version (RSV), the New American Standard Version (NASV), the New International Version (NIV), the New King James Version (NKJV) and the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).

The Comparative Readability of the Authorized Version is an exhaustive and serious study. It contains very detailed tables, charts, documentation, analysis of every conceivable readability tests known. The King James Bible outscored the new versions in virtually every test.

Some of Mr. Waite's analysis:

"According to the F-K [Flesch-Kincaid] formula 74.3% of the books [in the KJV] are on or below the sixth grade level, and 94% are on or below the seventh grade level! . . . **And the FRE [Flesch Reading Ease] rated 97% of the KJV books as Fairly Easy or Easy! These were all first place statistics!**"

(D.A. Waite Jr, *The Comparative Readability of the Authorized Version*, p. 80)

Mr. Waite summarizes his extensive analysis:

**"If any of these seven versions is authorized to boast about its success in these rigorous readability contests, it is the Authorized Version. [KJV]. If any has the right to flaunt the crown of victory, it is the KING James Bible."**

(Ibid, p. 80)

Dr. Rudolf Flesch's book, *The Art of Plain Talk*, he makes the following noteworthy statement about the King James Bible:

"The best example of very easy prose (about 20 affixes per 100 words) is the King James Version of the Bible: . . ."

(Rudolf Flesch, *The Art of Plain Talk*, p. 43)

Several times in his book, Dr. Flesch praises the King James Bible for its ease of reading. And may I remind you, this is from the leading authority on the subject.

Now that we have disposed of the "easier to read" propaganda, let us continue. . .

Due to the length and the depth of the examination of the ESV, we have separated our analysis into two sections. I would encourage my readers to review both sections.

The first section, "**The Foundation of the ESV**", reveals the distorted and deceitful manuscript foundation of the ESV. This section may appear too technical for many readers, but even a limited comprehension will reveal the corrupt foundation of the new versions. This section answers "why" the new versions attack the Lord Jesus Christ, hell, salvation and scores of other key Bible doctrines. (*Editor's Note: In the May 15th issue of HFT*)

The second section, "**The Fruit of the ESV**", examines the distorted text and verses within the ESV. We compare hundreds of troubling verses in the ESV with the King James Bible. You'll witness blatant attacks on the Lord Jesus Christ, salvation, hell, the word of God and deliberate new-age-neutral-gender distortions. (*Editor's Note: In the June 1st issue of HFT*)

**Editor's Note: To view the rest of this great study now please visit the site of the source article:**

**[http://www.av1611.org/kjv/ESV\\_Intro.html](http://www.av1611.org/kjv/ESV_Intro.html)**

*Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)*

**HAVE YOU MET JESUS CHRIST?**

Some time ago I met a remarkable Person, so great and outstanding that it has become a joy to

introduce Him to others. The great tragedy is that so many no about Him, but so few know Him personally. Perhaps you have already guessed that I am speaking about Jesus Christ.

To some He is little more than a word of blasphemy, to others a source of embarrassment, but to those who know Him, He is wonderful!

You recall that the Apostle Paul persecuted the early Christians, but after he met Jesus, his life was transformed. He wrote, *this is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. (1 Timothy 1:15).*

It hurts our pride to admit that we are sinners, but it is wonderful when we experience the power of Jesus Christ to forgive our sins and heal our hearts.

When once we accept Him as our Savior, we make an amazing discovery. Jesus did not come to make us stuffy saints or miserable mortals, but He came to give us LIFE—the very fullest and richest. Listen to Jesus' own words: *“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly”.* (John 10:10)

Dear reader, whatever may have been your disappointment with people, disillusionment with life, and confusion with religion, let me assure you that this is not the fault of Jesus Christ. He has been misrepresented, betrayed, denied and neglected, but He stands majestically, in love pleading with every one of earth's billions: *“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”.* (Matthew 11:28)

He speaks to you today. Do you personally know Him? Repent of your sins, believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for them, and make Him the Lord of your life. Read the following scripture carefully. Then believe it and act upon it: *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved”.* (Romans 10:9)

If you want to know more of this wonderful Savior, get a copy of the Gospel of John and read it. Talk to a committed Christian; go to a church where the good news of salvation is clearly explained.

All things are planned by God—even you reading this article. Please do not harden yourself against His call. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open your mind and heart to let Jesus in. It will be going from death to life. Jesus said: *“He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life”.* (John 5:24)

**:) Children For Christ :)**

### **VERSES ON JESUS**

**Memory Verse:** John 14:6 -- “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

The Bible speaks of Jesus Christ directly and indirectly throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Please take a sheet of paper and write down 10 verses that talk about Jesus or prophecy of His coming. Then write down what the verse teaches. You can ask your parents for help.

## Consider This: (Quotes)

“Contentment makes a poor man rich and lack of contentment makes a rich man poor.”

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“Would you not rather be with the Lord and get rid of your troubles than be with your troubles and without God? Let trouble come if it will drive us nearer to God.” – *D.L. Moody*

## Praises and Prayer Requests

### Praises

- Praise God for Biblical Christ honoring, Christ centered marriage!
- Brother Craig and Sister Tash would like to praise God and thank all those who have been such an incredible blessing and encouragement to us!

### Prayer Requests

- First Bible Baptist Church street preaching ministry (Salvation, spiritual growth, Jose – a young man recently saved during preaching in New Britain!)
- Mike Jordan (Being discipled by Bro. Lacroix)
- Salvation of Brother Andrew Lacroix's family
- Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)
- Kelly Freeman (Cystic Fibrosis)
- Job needs for Brother Craig
- Sarra Family (Missionaries to Zambia Africa) (John – Health needs – back, liver) (Now in the states on furlough) (God used the Sarras to help plant 313 churches in Zambia, Botswana, The Congo and surrounding regions!!)
- Wisdom regarding developing the new location for Heritage Baptist Church in Norwood, MA center.
- Sherrie (Sister of Bro. Craig's Fiancee Tash) (Lymph Nodes) (Heart issues)
- Wedding for Bro. Craig and Sister Tash on May 2, 2015 (His will and traveling mercies)
- Abby Lafreniere (ALS) (Wife of Pastor John Lafreniere, church planter to Fairfield, CT)
- Dr. Michael Thompson (Member of Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA) (Brain cancer) (Left side paralysis following 4/5 seizure)
- Pastor Gary Freeman (Race Street Baptist Church in Catasauqua, PA) who is battling colon cancer
- Missionary Tim Hawes (To Papua New Guinea) (Church Planting, Bible Translation, Agricultural Development)
- Brother Bill Moore of Heritage Baptist Church (Health needs)
- Needs of the body at First Bible Baptist Church of Plainville, CT
- Needs of the body at Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA
- Needs of the body at Community Baptist Church of Quakertown, PA
- Needs of the body at Race Street Baptist Church of Catasauqua, PA
- Needs of the body at Heartland Baptist Church of Alliance, NE
- Needs of the body at New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA
- Needs of the body at Chester Baptist Church of Chester, MA

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*Thank you for reading this. We praise God for all our dear brothers and sisters in Christ and we greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*

***His Servants,***

***Craig Glickman***

***Andrew Lacroix***

***Prov. 3:5-6***

***1 Thes. 5:18***

