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HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY! (II Chronicles 7:14)

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The DANGER of the Modern Bible Versions *(Good New Bible) (By: Dr. Terry Watkins)*

The following is **part 7** 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!

GOOD NEWS BABEL

By: Dr. Terry Watkins

1966 was a watershed year in the spiritual battle for good and evil.

The atheistic anti-God movement (Matt. 16:23) was formally unveiled as the April 08, 1966, *Time* magazine blasted on its cover "Is God Dead?" Also in April 1966, the satanic church was officially unleashed when Anton Lavey founded the Church of Satan.

And in 1966, the Bible PERversion army recruited a major soldier as *The American Bible Society* (ABS) released the New Testament of the deceitful and devious *Good News for Modern Man Bible*.

By 1969, the Good News for Modern Man sold over 17 million copies. Two years later, the number was a staggering- 30 million copies. According to Bible publication stats, more than 100 million copies (some estimates are over 200 million) of the GNB are in circulation. In some countries, the GNB is still the most popular version. A 1991 Gallup Poll awarded the GNB the most popular version in Britain.

In 1976 the Old Testament was completed. The *American Bible Society* later shortened the name from the Good News for Modern Man to the Good News Bible (GNB).

The GNB's primary promotion is its ecumenical and interconfessional appeal. The GNB claims it is, "genuinely ecumenical, hailed by representatives of every church from Baptists to Jesuit Father Abbott of Rome's Christian Unity Secretariat, who describes it as 'a masterpiece of modern linguistic study.'" Because of the GNB's watered-down, inclusive, tolerant, distortions it was welcomed with open arms by the new age, ecumenical movement, groups such as the liberal leaning Southern Baptist Convention, Billy Graham, the Roman Catholic Church and the National Council of Churches have recommended the GNB.

The American Bible Society has published several *special* editions of the GNB. They have published several Roman Catholic GNBs including the Catholic Deuterocanonicals/Apocrypha books with the official Roman Catholic "imprimatur". They also published an African-American Jubilee edition also including the Catholic Deuterocanonicals/Apocrypha books. And of course, ABS published a Teen Extreme Faith GNB which so happens to include the Catholic Deuterocanonicals/Apocrypha books complete with the official Roman Catholic "imprimatur".

In 1992 the GNB was revised to fashion a feminist-neutered-inclusive edition, removing much of the masculine language, despite the clear masculine gender of the Greek text.

The GNB leads the list of the most perverted and mis-translated Bibles available. It attacks, distorts, intentionally mis-translates and just flat-out perverts virtually every major doctrine in the Bible.

DR. ROBERT BRATCHER

GNB's chief translator was Dr. Robert Bratcher. As you'll see, Dr. Bratcher heads the class of the most heretical apostates to ever touch a mainstream Bible translation.

In the Brazilian Baptist paper called *O Jomal Batista* [The Baptist Journal], under the "Questions & Answers" (July 9, 1953) Bratcher openly denied the deity of Jesus Christ: "Jesus Christ would not enjoy omniscience. That is an attribute of God.... **Jesus did not claim He and the Father to be one -which would be absurd.**"

(cited in M.L. Moser, Jr., *The Devil's Masterpiece*, p. 73)

Dr. Bratcher also ridicules the inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible:

"Only willful ignorance or intellectual dishonesty can account for the claim that the Bible is inerrant and infallible... To invest the Bible with the qualities of inerrancy and infallibility is to idolatize it, to transform it into a false god . . ."

"Often in the past and still too often in the present to affirm that the Bible is the Word of God implies that the words of the Bible are the words of God. Such simplistic and absolute terms divest the Bible altogether of its humanity and remove it from the relativism of the historical process. **No one seriously claims all the words of the Bible are the very words of God.** If someone does so it is only because that person is not willing thoroughly to explore its implications . . ."

"The Word of God is not words; it is a human being, a human life ... **Quoting what the Bible says in the context of its history and culture is not necessarily relevant or helpful-and may be a hindrance in trying to meet and solve the problems we face.**

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"We are not bound by the letter of Scripture, but by the spirit. Even words spoken by Jesus in Aramaic in the thirties of the first century and preserved in writing in Greek, 35 to 50 years later, **do not necessarily wield compelling authority over us today. The focus of scriptural authority is not the words themselves.** It is Jesus Christ as the Word of God who is the authority for us to be and to do."

"As a biblical scholar, **I view with dismay the misuse of scriptures by fundamentalists; . . .**"
(*The Baptist Courier*, Apr. 2, 1981)

According to Dr. Bratcher, the Bible is "shifting sand".

After lecturing at Furman University, Dr. Bratcher was asked the following questions

about the Bible: "Are there historical sections of the Bible that are sub-Christian?"

asked a student.

"Certainly. Wishing that God would destroy one's enemies. You call that Christian?" "You admit that the Bible has fallacies; then how is it valuable?" a student questioned. "If **we build our faith wholly on the Bible, then we are building our faith on shifting sand.**

We must follow the facts or there is nothing to believe. We cannot literally follow Jesus, only go in his direction'."
(*The Greenville News*, November 8, 1970)

Would a truly saved person refuse to confess Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour? The Bible is clear. Confession of the Lord Jesus Christ **is essential for salvation**:

Matthew 10:32-33

32 **Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men**, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Romans 10:9-10

9 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.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; **and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

Why did Dr. Bratcher refuse to "confess" Jesus Christ as his "personal Saviour"? In a Question and Answer at the First Baptist Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina, the following took place:

Question: 'Why did you leave out the blood of Jesus Christ in Romans 5:9 and 14 and other places?'

Answer: 'It is a matter of translation.'

Question: 'Do you know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour?'

Answer: Dr. Bratcher would not answer this question.

Question: 'Is the human heart by nature Man-centered or God-centered?'

Answer: 'Let us stick with questions about translation.'

Question: 'Is Jesus Christ God, or the same as God?'

Answer: 'Jesus is not the same personality as God.'

(Donald T. Clarke, *Bible Version Manual*, pp. 98-99)

In another Question and Answer encounter at the First Baptist Church in North Augusta, South Carolina, Dr. Bratcher again would not answer the question:

Question: 'If you should die, do you know you would go to heaven?'

Answer: Dr. Bratcher would not answer this question.'

(Donald T. Clarke, *Bible Version Manual*, pp. 98-99)

As we open the covers of the Good News Bible (GNB), notice the "reflection" of Dr. Bratcher's apostate beliefs beaming off the pages.

Note: KJB is the King James Bible. GNB is the Good News Bible (a.k.a. Good News for Modern Man and Today's English Version).

THE GNB ATTACKS THE DEITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Acts 20:28 is one of the greatest verses in the Bible. It clearly states the "blood" that flowed through the Lord Jesus was God's "blood" and that Jesus Christ was God. The GNB changes the emphasis or object of blood from "his" [God] to "his Son". "Son" is not found in any Greek text.

Acts 20:28, KJB

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, **which he hath purchased with his own blood.**

Acts 20:28, GNB

So keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock which the Holy Spirit has placed in your care. Be shepherds of the church of God, **which he made his own through the blood of his Son.**

1 Timothy 3:16 is probably the clearest verse in all the Bible asserting that Jesus Christ was "God manifest in the flesh". The GNB changes it to the trivial "He appeared in human form". So what. . . We all appear in human form!

1 Timothy 3:16, KJB

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the**

flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

1 Timothy 3:16, GNB

No one can deny how great is the secret of our religion: **He appeared in human form**, was shown to be right by the Spirit, and was seen by angels. He was preached among the nations, was believed in throughout the world, and was taken up to heaven.

The GNB changes the clear statement of Philippians 2:6 testifying that Jesus Christ was "equal with God" to the vague and goofy" . . . he did not think that by force he should try to remain equal with God."

Philippians 2:6, KJB

Who, being in the form of God, **thought it not robbery to be equal with God:**

Philippians 2:6, GNB

He always had the nature of God, **but he did not think that by force he should try to remain equal with God.**

In 1 Timothy 6:14-16, the GNB completely changes the object of "the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;" from the Lord Jesus Christ to "God" by inserting "by **God**"- without ANY Greek evidence whatsoever. They deliberately and deceitfully de-throne the Lord Jesus Christ as "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords". Notice also, "commandment" is changed to the nonspecific "orders".

1 Timothy 6:14-15, KJB

That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

1 Timothy 6:14-15, GNB

to obey your orders and keep them faithfully until the Day when our Lord Jesus Christ will appear.
His appearing will be brought about at the right time **by God**, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

The late-great Evangelist Brother Roloff once preached a message on John 1:1, titled "The Greatest Verse in the Bible". What a wonderful and enlightening verse, plainly emphasizing the deity of the Word- the Lord Jesus.

John 1:1, KJB

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And like a wild-Texas-tornado ripping through a trailer park, the damage left by the GNB is devastating.

John 1:1, GNB

Before the world was created, the Word already existed; he was with God, and he was the same as God.

The GNB changes the eternal, infinite, without-time, "in the BEGINNING" to the time-constrained "before the world was created" thus attacking the eternality of the Word. And the clear reference to the deity of the Word, "and the Word was God" is now destroyed by the distorted "he was the same as God". By adding "the same as" clearly negates the deity of the Word – creating a unfounded difference between the Word and God. It's worth mentioning, as in nearly every case, there is no Greek evidence for the distortions.

In Colossians 2:9, the GNB completely twists the declaration that in Jesus "dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" into the new-age, divine-humanity — "the full content of divine nature lives in Christ, in his humanity". The "divine nature" of humanity is the root teaching of the Lucifer worshipping, New Age Movement. It is also the serpent's message of Genesis 3:5, "ye shall be as gods".

Colossians 2:9, KJB

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily

Colossians 2:9, GNB

For the full content of divine nature lives in Christ, in his humanity,

In Ephesians 3:9, the GNB rudely strips the Lord Jesus as the architect of ALL creation. The GNB completely distorts Ephesians 3:9 into gabble to rob Jesus Christ's role of creator. Why? And there exists no Greek manuscripts to reinforce such a mess. It is simply a deliberate attempt to de-throne the Lord Jesus.

Ephesians 3:9, KJB

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Ephesians 3:9, GNB

and of making all people see how God's secret plan is to be put into effect. God, who is the Creator of all things, kept his secret hidden through all the past ages,

In Revelation 1:11, the titles of "Alpha and Omega, the first and the last" are removed from the wonderful Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:11, KJB

Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Revelation 1:11, GNB

It said, "Write down what you see, and send the book to the churches in these seven cities: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

THE MUTILATION OF JOHN 3:16

John 3:16 has been called the "gospel in a nutshell". John 3:16 is known and loved more than any other verse in all the Bible. It's poetic beauty and crystal-clear clarity leaves the reader in a majestic awe.

John 3:16, KJB

For God so loved the world, that he gave his **only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16, GNB

For God loved the world so much that he gave **his only Son**, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.

Notice in John 3:16, the GNB removes the critical word "begotten" thus denying the direct and only "begotten" relationship of God the Father and God the Son. While at the same time, introducing a glaring contradiction in the light of verses such as Philippians 2:15 and 1 John 3:2 where the Christian is called the "sons of God". Or even in Luke 3:38 where Adam is called the "son of God". Begotten is also removed in John 1:14, 1:18, 3:18, Acts 13:33, Hebrews 1:5, 5:5, and 1 John 4:9,

In John 3:16 the GNB also pours some nonsense in with the replacement of "should not perish" to "may not die". John 3:16 is plainly a reference to a lost soul "perishing" in hell without Christ.

THE GNB REMOVES THE BLOOD

Salvation is **only** through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other way. And there is no other doctrine more important and more essential to the Christian faith. The "blood" of the Lord Jesus Christ flows through the inspired veins of the living Word of God -**from** book to book, from chapter to chapter, from verse to verse and from word to word. . . . The blood of Jesus Christ is the "life-blood" of the Christian faith.

After researching scores of Bible PERversions, no other Bible so maliciously removes the precious blood of the Lord Jesus as the Good News Bible. Many times the GNB destroys the price and passion of our salvation by callously changing "the blood" to the impersonal and cold "death".

Here's a sampling of some wonderful verses where the GNB removes "the blood".

Acts 20:28, KJB

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his **own blood**.

Acts 20:28, GNB, (1966 edition)

Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock which the Holy Spirit has placed in your charge. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he made his own through **the death** of his own Son.

Romans 3:25, KJB

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith **in his blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Romans 3:25, GNB (1966 edition)

God offered him so that by **his death** he should become the means by which men's sins are forgiven, through their faith in him. God offered Christ to show how he puts men right with himself. In the past, God was patient and overlooked men's sins;

Romans 5:9, KJB

Much more then, being now justified by **his blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Romans 5:9, GNB (1966 edition)

By **his death** we are now put right with God; how much more, then, will we be saved by him from God's wrath.

Ephesians 1:7, KJB

In whom we have redemption through **his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Ephesians 1:7, GNB (1966 edition)

For by the death of Christ we are set free, and our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God,

Ephesians 2:13, KJB

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:13, GNB (1966 edition)

But now, in union with Christ Jesus, you who used to be far away have been brought near by the death of Christ

In Colossians 1:14 the phrase "through his blood" is removed.

Colossians 1:14, KJB

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Colossians 1:14, GNB

by whom we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven.

Colossians 1:20, KJB

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Colossians 1:20, GNB (1966 edition)

Through the Son, then, God decided to bring the whole universe back to himself. God made peace through his Son's death on the cross, and so brought back to himself all things, both on earth and in heaven.

Hebrews 10:19, KJB

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Hebrews 10:19, GNB

We have, then, my friends, complete freedom to go into the Most Holy Place by means of the death of Jesus.

Hebrews 13:20, KJB

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.

Hebrews 13:20, GNB (1966 edition)

God has raised from death our Lord Jesus, who is the Great Shepherd of the sheep

because of his death, by which the eternal covenant is sealed.

1 Peter 1:19 is one of the most wonderful verses in the Bible. And the wicked GNB changes the "precious blood of Christ" to the impersonal, generic "costly sacrifice of Christ".

1 Peter 1:19, GNB

it was the costly sacrifice of Christ, who was like a lamb without defect or flaw.

1 Peter 1:19, KJB

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Again, Revelation is a marvelous witness to the personal love and compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ. And again, the GNB dilutes and deadens the personal pain and passion.

Revelation 1:5, KJB

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Revelation 1:5, GNB

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first to be raised from death and who is also the ruler of the kings of the world. He loves us, and by his sacrificial death he has freed us from our sins

Revelation 5:9

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Revelation 5:9

They sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to break open its seals. For you were killed, and by your sacrificial death you bought for God people from every tribe, language, nation, and race.

The message of the "the innocent blood" of Jesus Christ from the mouth of Judas, testifying of the sinless, blood-atonement of the Lord Jesus, is changed to the frivolous "innocent man". Notice also the definite "THE innocent blood" is changed to the indefinite "AN innocent man". There are many "an innocent man" but there is only ONE "THE innocent blood".

Matthew 27:4, KJB

Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

Matthew 27:4, GNB

I have sinned by betraying an innocent man to death!" he said. "What do we care about that?" they answered. "That is your business!"

Why did Dr. Bratcher and the GNB remove the blood?

In a question and answer time at the First Baptist Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina, Dr. Bratcher was asked "Why did you leave out the blood of Jesus Christ in Romans 5:9 and 14 and other places?". His reply was "It is a matter of translation". (Donald T. Clarke, Bible Version Manual, pp. 98-99)

The correct answer would have been "It is a matter of MIS-translation".

The Greek word for "blood" and ONLY "blood" is "*haima*". The following is Strong's definition for *haima*:

129. *haima*, hah'-ee-mah; of uncert. der.; blood, lit. (of men or animals), fig. (the juice of grapes) or spec. (the atoning blood of Christ); by impl. bloodshed, also kindred:-blood

To translate "haima" anything but "blood" is to deliberately MIS-translate the Greek word. Every time the word "haima" occurs in the Greek text the King James Bible correctly translates it "blood". In fact, the study of the blood is called hematology (from *haima* – *hema* - [blood] – tology [study]). *Webster's Dictionary* defines the prefix hemo: "a combining form meaning 'blood'" Hemophilia is a disease of the blood. A hemorrhage is a discharge of blood.

the prefix hemo directly to the Greek word *haima*.

hemo-

VARIANT FORMS: or hema- or hem- also haemo- or haema- or haem

PREFIX: Blood: hemocyte.

ETYMOLOGY: Greek haimo-, from haima.

(*The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language* (Fourth Edition. 2000))

The *Collins English Dictionary* also traces *haemo* directly to the Greek word *haima* –**as** does every Dictionary and Etymology reference I could find!

haemo-, haema-, before a vowel haem
combining form denoting blood

example: haemophobia

Also: haemato-[U.S.]hemo-[U.S.]hema-[U.S.]hem

[ETYMOLOGY: from Greek haima blood]

(*The Collins English Dictionary*, 2000 edition)

Dr. Bratcher and the translation team of the GNB knew the ONLY accurate translation of *haima* is blood. **Why did they deliberately remove the precious blood of Jesus Christ?** How can a "blood bought, born-again" Christian intentionally mis-translate the Greek in order to remove the blood of Christ?

WILL THE REAL "BRIGHT MORNING STAR" PLEASE STAND UP. . .

In Isaiah 14:12 "Lucifer" is changed to the "bright morning star".

Isaiah 14:12, KJB

How art thou fallen from heaven, **O Lucifer**, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst vveaken the nations!

Isaiah 14:12, GNB

King of Babylon, **bright morning star**, you have fallen from heaven! In the past you conquered nations, but now you have been thrown to the ground.

Hmmm. . . Now where have I read about a "bright morning star"? Oh I know. . . In Revelation 22:16, where the Lord Jesus Christ is called the "bright and morning star"! Why did the GNB attribute one of the titles of the Lord Jesus Christ to Lucifer? Do they believe Lucifer and Jesus are the same?

Revelation 22:16, KJB

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and **the bright and morning star**.

THE GNB ABORTS THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Our blood line comes completely from our father. And without the virgin birth, the Lord Jesus Christ was born from the blood-line of sinful man. No virgin birth – no sinless blood atonement – and no salvation!

The GNB changes the pure, clear "virgin" to "young woman". There are tons of "young women" who are not "virgins". To change "virgin" to "young woman" is a denial of the virgin birth.

Isaiah 7:14, KJB

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin** shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14, GNB

Well then, the Lord himself will give you a sign: **a young woman** who is pregnant will have a son and will name him 'Immanuel.'

Luke 1:27, KJB

To **a virgin** espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and **the virgin's** name was Mary.

Luke 1:27, GNB

He had a message for **a young woman** promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary.

In Matthew 1:18, The KJB plainly says Jesus Christ was born BEFORE Mary and Joseph "came together" [the act of human conception]. The GNB changes it to "before they were married", again surgically removing the virgin birth.

Matthew 1:18, KJB

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, **before they came together**, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 1:18, GNB

This was how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. His mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, **but before they were married**, she found out that she was going to have a baby by the Holy Spirit.

In Luke 2:33, the virgin birth is attacked again as Joseph is changed to "the child's father". Note: This is not the same as John 6:42 when quoting the "Jews" *saying* Joseph is "Jesus' Father". In Luke 2:33, it is the Holy Spirit that is speaking, as the narrator.

Luke 2:33, KJB

And **Joseph** and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

Luke 2:33, GNB

The **child's father** and mother were amazed at the things Simeon said about him.

HELL IS EXTINGUISHED IN THE GNB

If there is a word that the ecumenical, inclusive, love-everybody, new version, hates – it is the word "hell". They will travel "far and wide, through thick and thin" over their translation (or mis-translation) road to pull-out that mean ol' word "hell". All the new versions travel this crooked path. Got to get that word out! And the GNB certainly does not disappoint – removing the word "hell" 33 times.

In Luke 16, the GNB "transliterates" hell into the new-age, "happy field" land of purification and transformation called "hades". In case you did not know, "hades" in the new-age and witchcraft is not a place of eternal punishment but is called Summerland, Happy Fields, etc. and is a place where you go for purification and transformation before you are reincarnated into whatever you are reincarnated into.

Luke 16:23, KJB

And **in hell** he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luke 16:23, GNB

and **in Hades**, where he was in great pain, he looked up and saw Abraham, far away, with Lazarus at his side.

Some times the GNB changes "hell" to the creepy "world of the dead".

Acts 2:27, KJB

Because thou wilt not leave my soul **in hell**, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Acts 2:27, GNB

because you will not abandon me **in the world of the dead**; you will not allow your faithful servant to rot in the grave.

Acts 2:31, KJB

He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left **in hell**, neither his flesh did see corruption.

Acts 2:31, GNB

David saw what God was going to do in the future, and so he spoke about the resurrection of the Messiah when he said, 'He was not abandoned **in the world of the dead**; his body did not rot in the grave.'

In Revelation 1:18, the GNB crew gets in bit of a pickle. The word "hell" shows up with the word "death" –clearly showing the difference. Now what will they do? Simple. They just magically and mysteriously create two deaths –"death and the world of the dead". But, after all, when did "making

sense" ever be a requirement for the new PERversions. *Just get that word "hell" out!*

Oh by the way, the Lord Jesus Christ no longer has "the keys of death and hell" but simply "authority over death and the world of the dead".

Revelation 1:18, KJB

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and **have the keys of hell and of death.**

Revelation 1:18, GNB

I am the living one! I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I have **authority over death and the world of the dead.**

The GNB does the same gibberish in Revelation 20:13,14

After removing the word "hell" in so many obvious places referring to eternal punishment, the GNB goes into the land of crude and rude in Acts 8:20. The GNB has Peter telling Simon the sorcerer, "May you and your money go to hell. . ." Of course, the Greek word for "hell" is nowhere in the verse.

Act 8:20, KJB

But Peter said unto him, **Thy money perish with thee**, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money

Act 8:20, GNB

But Peter answered him, "**May you and your money go to hell**, for thinking that you can buy God's gift with money!

SALVATION CONFUSION

1 Peter 2:2 in the GNB teaches salvation by works.

1 Peter 2:2, KJB

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, **that ye may grow thereby:**

1 Peter 2:2, GNB

Be like newborn babies, always thirsty for the pure spiritual milk, so that by drinking it you may **grow up and be saved.**

In 1 Corinthians 1:18, we are only "being saved" not "are saved". Salvation is turned into a **process** rather than a **completed work** at Calvary by the blood of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:18, KJB

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us **which are saved** it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, GNB

For the message about Christ's death on the cross is nonsense to those who are being lost; but for us who **are being saved** it is God's power.

The "being saved" heresy is also found in Acts 2:47, 2 Corinthians 2:15 and others.

Acts 2:47, KJB

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should **be saved.**

Acts 2:47, GNB

praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people. And every day the Lord added to their group those who were **being saved.**

2 Corinthians 2:15, KJB

For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that **are saved**, and in them that perish:

2 Corinthians 2:15, GNB

For we are like a sweet-smelling incense offered by Christ to God, which spreads among those who are **being saved** and those who are being lost.

In the GNB no longer is your salvation complete in Jesus Christ. But it's up to you to "work" to

"complete your salvation".

Philippians 2:12, KJB

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:12, GNB

So then, dear friends, as you always obeyed me when I was with you, it is even more important that you obey me now while I am away from you. Keep on working with fear and trembling to complete your salvation,

In fact, the GNB even removes the clear reference in Colossians 2:10 that we are "complete" in Jesus Christ. Notice. Jesus Christ is no longer the head of ALL "principality and power" -just "supreme over every spiritual ruler and authority".

Colossians 2:10, KJB

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Colossians 2:10, GNB

and you have been given full life in union with him. He is supreme over every spiritual ruler and authority.

In Romans 10:13, the GNB confuses the "salvation call" with "everyone who calls out to the Lord for help". When in times of trouble, many, many people "call out to the Lord for help" who are not saved.

Romans 10:13, KJB

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:13, GNB

As the scripture says, "Everyone who calls out to the Lord for help will be saved."

In the light of the confusion found in the GNB, it's no great surprise, the "simplicity of Christ", in 2 Corinthians 11:3, is replaced with . . . ? You figure it out. I have no idea what the GNB is saying.

2 Corinthians 11:3, KJB

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:3, GNB

I am afraid that your minds will be corrupted and that you will abandon your full and pure devotion to Christ-in the same way that Eve was deceived by the snake's clever lies.

PETER THE ROCK. . .

The Roman Catholic Hierarchy gave their overwhelming support of the GNB. And why not? With such blatant pro-Catholicism heresy as found in the GNB's distortion of Matthew 16:18, awarding Peter the Rock of the Church. Note: The Roman Catholic falsely teach that Peter was the Rock of the Roman Catholic Church and the first pope. The American Bible Society has even published special editions of the GNB including the Catholic Deuterocanonicals/Apocrypha books with the official Roman Catholic "imprimatur".

Matthew 16:18, KJB

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18, GNB

And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it.

Note: The "this rock" in the KJB is NOT Peter. The word "this" is used as a indigenous reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. The same application is found in John 6:47-51

John 6:47-51, KJB

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

48 I am that bread of life.

49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and

not die.

51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

The Bible in 1 Corinthians 10:3-4 leaves no doubt who is the rock.

1 Corinthians 10:3-4

3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

TRUTH NOT NEEDED. . .

The great verse John 4:24 gives the requirements for worshipping God- in spirit and in truth. The GNB has . . . ? Beats me . . . I guess "as he really is". The GNB replaces "in truth" with a vague "as he really is". Question: how do define "as he really is" when you remove "the truth"?

John 4:24, KJB

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24, GNB

God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is."

THE PREACHER IS NOW THE PHILOSOPHER. . .

One of the more disgusting changes in the GNB is the change of "preacher" to "philosopher" in the book of Ecclesiastes.

Ecclesiastes 1:1, KJB

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

Ecclesiastes 1:1, GNB

These are the words of the Philosopher, David's son, who was king in Jerusalem.

See also Ecclesiastes 1:12, 7:27, 12:8, 12:9, 12:10

In fact, the word preacher, preach, etc. is removed many times in the GNB.

For instance, the "preacher" is not longer in Romans 10:14-15:

Romans 10:14-15, KJB

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 10:14-15, GNB

14 But how can they call to him for help if they have not believed? And how can they believe if they have not heard the message? And how can they hear if the message is not proclaimed?

15 And how can the message be proclaimed if the messengers are not sent out? As the scripture says, "How wonderful is the coming of messengers who bring good news!"

There is no fear of God before their eyes . . .

If there's one root cause of the decay and degradation of society, it is simple- there is no fear of God. It wasn't too many years ago a Christian was described as "God-fearing". Not today. The "fear of the Lord" is anathema with today's Laodicean, inclusive, tolerant, Christians.

And of course, the GNB (as do most new PERversions) remove the "fear of the Lord". Fitting for someone who does not hesitate to pervert the Words of God.

A couple of examples:

Ecclesiastes 12:13, KJB

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God**, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13, GNB

After all this, there is only one thing to say: **Have reverence for God**, and obey his commands, because this is all that we were created for.

Romans 3:18, KJB

There is no **fear of God** before their eyes.

Romans 3:18, GNB

nor have they learned **reverence for God.**"

THE GNB TAKETH AWAY THE WORD...

The Lord **CLEARLY** and **EMPHATICALLY** warns against "adding and taking away" from the words of God. And yet, the GNB and other new PERversions, removes complete verses, adds and removes thousands of words with no hesitation or fear of God's warning.

Deuteronomy 4:2

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, **neither shall ye diminish ought from it**, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Proverbs 30:6

Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Revelation 22:18-19

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man **shall add unto these things**, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 **And if any man shall take away from the words** of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Jesus Christ gives the attack of Satan in Luke 8:12 " . . . then cometh the devil, **and taketh away the word...** "

The GNB ""taketh away"" the following complete verses:		
1 Samuel 13:1	Matthew 17:21	Matthew 18:11
Matthew 21:44	Matthew 23:14	Mark 7:16
Mark 9:44	Mark 9:46	Mark 11:26
Mark 15:28	Mark 16:9-20*	Luke 17:36
Luke 23:17	John 5:4	John 7:53-8:11*
Acts 8:37	Acts 15:34	Acts 24:7
Acts 28:29	Romans 16:24	
* removed in notes or the footnotes.		

For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. – II Cor. 2:17

Editor's note: Sorry for the quality of this article. I was unable to remove the header and footer.

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

Are Your Lights On?

I know most of us or perhaps all of us at one time in our lives have experienced the lights going out, whether in our homes, or in a place of business, school or church. Some of you may have experienced having your lights turned off because you forgot to pay your light bill, or just could not afford to pay the bill on time. I have experienced my lights going out several times through circumstances I had no control over. Usually a storm or an accident in the neighborhood causes it. Then "out go the lights."

Well, we know when the lights are out we are in darkness. We cannot see a thing. If we are not familiar with the surroundings, we are not able to even feel our way around to get to flash lights, candles, matches, or whatever we need. So it's a bad situation to be in -- DARKNESS.

Now, when things are functioning properly, we go home, turn on the light switch and we have light. We see everything. Sometimes things we don't want to see! Furniture needs dusting, floors need cleaning, and the list goes on. But it is still good to have light.

Before we gave our lives to Christ we were lost in darkness. Someone had to come along with his or her light shining bright, and tell us how to come out of darkness and into Christ's marvelous light.

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life (John 8:12) (KJV).

Jesus paid the price for all of us in full. He died on the cross and rose again. When we accept Christ in our lives our lights never have to go out. No matter what circumstances come our way, we never have to worry about paying our bill on time. It's been paid in full forever.

Without lights you're walking around in darkness, trying to make it, or trying to find your way. But you need the light of Christ. No one living in darkness will ever find their way without it. Like the saying "there's a light at the end of the tunnel", Jesus is that light at the end of everyone's tunnel.

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:(Ephesians 5:8) (KJV).

No matter what problems arise, we can still let our lights shine. When people treat you bad -- let your light shine. When sickness comes upon you -- let your light shine. If money runs out -- let your light shine. We choose daily whom we will serve. Let us choose to serve Christ and let our lights shine BRIGHT!

Dear reader, Are your lights on? If you are not yet saved, why not repent of your lost sinful condition before a thrice holy God and by His grace thru faith receive Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior from sin and hell?

--Based on devotional by Pat Y.

:) Children For Christ :)

Write a Sermon or Devotional

Memory Verse: *II Timothy 4:2 – Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.*

Please use your PC or a pen and paper and prepare a sermon or devotional to share with your family or even your church if God leads! :-)

What you will need: 1. YOUR KING JAMES BIBLE! 2. Pen, paper or PC 3. A topic or subject for your sermon/devotional (i.e. salvation)

Bro. Craig and Bro. Andrew would love to read your devotionals and sermons. Please forward them to one of our email addresses listed on page 1 of HFT and maybe your sermon or devotional will be posted in a future issue of HFT! Praise God! May God richly bless you as you study and prepare this for Him and His glory!

Consider This: (Quotes)

"Since God can turn night into day, He certainly can turn a burden into a blessing"

"The question isn't why would a loving God send people to hell, the question is why would anyone choose hell over a loving God?"

"As a saint of God, my attitude toward sorrow and difficulty should not be to ask that they be prevented, but to ask that God protect me so that I may remain what He created me to be, in spite of all my fires of sorrow. Sin, sorrow, and suffering are, and it is not for us to say that God has made a mistake in allowing them. We realize His purpose in the midst of the fire of sorrow." --Oswald Chambers, from My Utmost for His Highest"

"Don't be a part time Christian who demands a full time God."

Praises and Prayer Requests

Praises

- Praise God for the opening of the beautiful new facility for Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA! *(Please visit www.heritagebaptistonline.org for further details)*

Prayer Requests

- First Bible Baptist Church street preaching ministry --- New Britain Street Preaching Updates: (Please pray for Angel who isn't saved yet but has been coming to church faithfully) (Plea pray for Shawn who is not saved and is an atheist)
- 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 and sister Tash
- Sarra Family (Missionaries to Zambia Africa) (God used the Sarras to help plant 313 churches in Zambia, Botswana, The Congo and surrounding regions!!) (John – herniated discs; Liver cancer and Hepatitis C) (Liver treatments begin 6/22) (Health needs for John and Lorna) (Now in the states on furlough)
- Wisdom regarding developing the new location for Heritage Baptist Church in Norwood, MA center.
- Sherrie (Sister of Bro. Craig's Fiancee Tash) (Health needs)
- Bro. Craig and his better half sister Tash (Needs)
- Abby Lafreniere (ALS) (Wife of Pastor John Lafreniere, church planter to Fairfield, CT)
- Dr. Michael Thompson (Member of Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA) (Stroke recovery) (Brain cancer)
- 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
- Needs of the body at Cornerstone Baptist Church of Brattleboro, VT

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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
Prov. 3:5-6**

**Andrew Lacroix
1 Thes. 5:18**

