

learn the language of 300 years ago in order to read the Bible. Even mature Christians do not know what is meant by such phrases as "we do you to wit" (2 Corinthians 8:1) and "thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing" (Psalm 5:6). God's people need an accurate translation in the language of today. This is extremely vital. It is wrong to ask Christians to oppose a translation because it tries to follow the ancient manuscripts rather than a text based largely on Erasmus's edition. To do so is to make an idol of the Textus Receptus, or of the King James Version. God does not want His people to be idolaters!

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TRANSLATING THE WORD OF GOD

God gave us His Word in Hebrew and Greek -- not in an artificial or antiquated language, but in the language of the people who were living when the books of the Bible were written. Through these wonderful writings, and through the messages of those who studied them, He led people to turn to Himself and showed them the marvelous riches of salvation.

The spread of the Gospel took a tremendous step forward when Luther put the Bible into the language of the people in Germany and when Tyndale did the same for the people of England. For three and a half centuries the King James Version of the Bible has been a great blessing to the English-speaking world.

There probably never was a better translation of any book into any language than the King James Version into the language of the people of its time. The committee that prepared it included many of the best scholars of the day, and all of them were godly