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**THE TEXTUS RECEPTUS AND
ENGLISH BIBLE VERSIONS**

We live in a day when most people are building their lives on the shifting sands of human theories and human ideas, and in this day the Word of God stands as the only rock on which we can safely rest. No explanation of life that humanists have advanced leads to anything but ultimate despair. Only in the Bible is found hope and joy and peace as we receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This rock is very displeasing to Satan. There is nothing he desires more than to induce true Christians to argue about secondary matters and to turn their attention to fighting one another, instead of presenting the gospel of salvation through Christ to the multitudes that need Him so badly. I have been grieved time after time as I have seen Christians making unfortunate divisions over minor points and failing to stand strongly on the great essential doctrines revealed in God's Word.

You speak of the "controversy between the Textus Receptus and the Westcott and Hort texts." I can assure you that no translation that has appeared in recent years is based on the Westcott and Hort text. I know of no contemporary Biblical scholar who now regards the Westcott and Hort text as the correct text. Westcott and Hort spent many years studying the earliest manuscripts that were available in their time. Much new material has been found since then. Westcott and Hort presented some suggested principles that were very good, and also some that I believe were completely wrong. They deserve credit for their effort to get back to early copies of the New Testament instead of basing the text on manuscripts that are copies of copies of copies, etc. In this they were pioneers and for it they deserve credit.

Erasmus did a great service to the Christian world when he prepared the first published copy of the Greek New Testament. Unfortunately he had only a handful of late manuscripts at his