

- **Ephesians 4:11-15 (NASB)** ¹¹ And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers,
¹² *for the equipping of the saints for the work of service,* to the building up of the body of Christ;
¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.
¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;
¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,

- **2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

GOD HAS MADE HIMSELF KNOW TO THE WORLD

- 2 Peter 1:20-21 - *20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. NASU*

Nehemiah 8:5 - *Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. NASU*

GENERAL REVELATION

- CREATION

- Psalms 19:1 – *"the heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork" –*
- verse 4 – *"their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."*
- Isaiah 6:3 – *"the whole earth is full of his glory!"*

- Romans 1:19-20 - *19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ESV*

◆ Psalms 8:3 – 4 – *"when I look at your heavens, the works of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which is set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the Son of Man that you care for him?"*

COMMON GRACE

- Acts 14:16-17 - *"16 In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; 17 and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."*

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CONSCIENCE

- Romans 2:14-15 - *"Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. 15 They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right. Holy Bible, New Living Translation.*

WE WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE UNDER GOD'S GENERAL REVELATION

Paul said in Romans 1 – that those who "**suppress**" the truth of God made known to them through general revelation are "**without excuse**" – subsequently Paul tells us that their condemnation is just.

SPECIAL REVELATION



SCRIPTURE IS GOD SPEAKING TO US IN HUMAN LANGUAGE

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - *16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.* NASU

SOME QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE BIBLE

- Has the Bible been accurately **transmitted** to us down through the ages?
- The Bible has been translated into **2500+** different languages.
- For centuries the Bible was only available in three languages – **Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.**

THE WORD FOR WORD TRANSLATIONS

- The American Standard Version, (ASV)
- the New American Standard Version, (NASV)
- the King James Version, (KJV)
- the New King James Version, (NKJV)
- the English Standard Version, (ESV)
- the International Standard Version. (ISV)
- the New English Translation (NET)

THOUGHT FOR THOUGHT TRANSLATIONS

- The New International Version (NIV),
- the New Living Translation (NLT),
- the Contemporary English Version (CEV)
- The Revised Standard Version and New Revised Standard Version. (RSV) (NRSV)

PARAPHRASED VERSIONS

- The Message,
- The Living Bible,
- The Amplified Bible
- Good News for Modern Man

- Acts 22:16 (NASB) *'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'*
- Acts 22:16 (NLT2) *What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.'*

SINNERS PRAYER

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner,
and I am asking you to forgive me of my sins.
God I believe that you died for my sins and
you rose from the dead. I am asking you to
come into my heart and my life. I am trusting
you and will follow you all the days of my life.
From this day forward, I will follow you as my
Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



Dear God,

I know I am a sinner.

*I believe Jesus died on the cross
to forgive me of my sins.*

*I now accept Your forgiveness
and offer of eternal life.*

*Thank You for forgiving me of all
my sin.*

*From this day forward, I will
choose to follow You.*

Amen.



LET US PRAY

FATHER GOD,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESURRECTION POWER AT WORK IN MY LIFE. TODAY, I GIVE YOU MY HEART, BROKEN DREAMS, DISAPPOINTMENTS, FAILURES AND SETBACKS, TRUSTING THAT YOU WILL BREATHE YOUR LIFE INTO ME. I TRUST THAT YOU HAVE A GOOD PLAN FOR MY FUTURE, AND YOU ARE LEADING ME INTO TOTAL VICTORY.

IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN

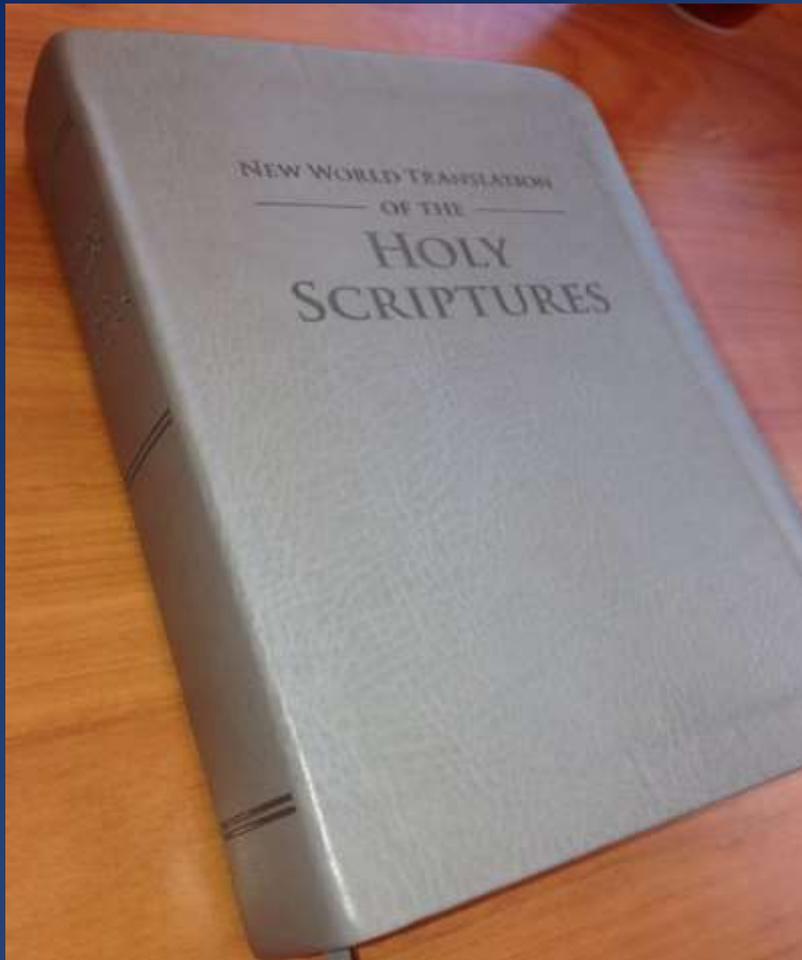
IS THIS WHAT GOD'S WORD COMMANDS US TO DO?

- Mark 16:16 – He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.
- Acts 2:38 – Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 8:35ff – “Here is water what prevents me from being baptized?” The good confession is made.
- Acts 22:16 (KJV) And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

We should know that some translations ARE better than others

- The use of multiple translations whenever possible helps to attain an accurate understanding of a passage.
- **We shouldn't fight over translations.**
- However, the attempt to develop comprehensive doctrinal beliefs should not be based on Paraphrased versions or Thought for Thought translations.

THERE ARE CORRUPT TRANSLATIONS OUT THERE



16 because by means of him^a all [other] things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities.^r All [other] things have been created through him^s and for him.

17 Also, he is before all [other] things^t and by means of him all [other] things were made to exist,^u

Colossians 1:16-17 (NASB)

¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος
and God was the word

- The New World Translation has added the word “a” to the verse so that it reads, *In [the] beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. John 1:1 The New World Translation.*
- The correct translation of this verse is “*In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.*” This is how it is rendered in the NASB, NIV, KJV, NKJV, ASV, RSV, and all other translations NOT based on the Jehovah’s Witnesses’ manuscript.

- 1 John 2:22-23 - *Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.* NASU
- 2 John 1:7 (NASB) *For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.*