

The Truth About The ENGLISH SUBSTANDARD VERSION

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THE FRUIT OF THE ESV

The beginning of the ESV was May 1997 with a meeting headed by James Dobson. Dobson was deeply troubled with the gender-inclusive issues within the NIV and TNIV. The results of the meeting was the "proposed" creation of a new version without the new-age, homosexual, gender-inclusive agenda. Surprisingly, the "troubled" group united around the liberal and apostate Revised Standard Version (RSV) of the Bible. Thus the dubious birth of the ESV was conceived. In September 1998, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School professor Wayne Grudem and Crossway President Lane Dennis received the blessing of the ecumenical National Council of Churches to build the ESV upon their 1971 revision of the Revised Standard Version. And thus the ESV came to life. . .

World Magazine documents the secretive conception of the ESV:

"The version [ESV] had its roots in discussions that took place before the May 1997 meeting called by James Dobson at Focus on the Family headquarters **to resolve the inclusive NIV issue**. . . The group discussed the merits of the Revised Standard Version, first published in 1952 by the National Council of Churches and recently replaced by the New Revised Standard Version, **a regendered update**. Some months later, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School professor Wayne Grudem and Crossway President Lane Dennis entered into negotiations with the National Council of Churches **to use the 1971 revision of the Revised Standard Version as the basis for a new translation.**"

(David Bayly, "Decline of the NIV?", *World Magazine*, 5 June 1999)

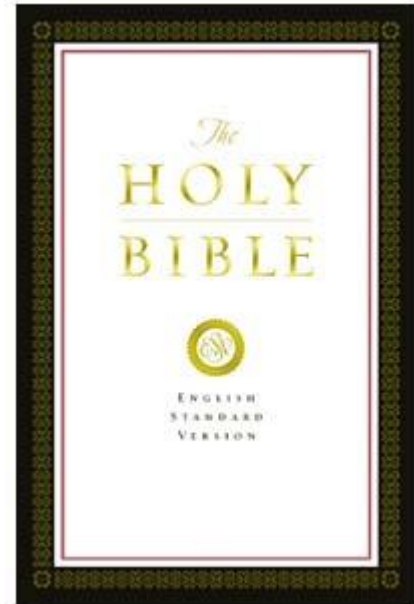
Wikipedia states concerning the motive for the ESV:

"Work on this translation **began with discontent (largely amongst Evangelical Christians) over the perceived looseness of style and content of recently published English Bible translations, as well as the apparent trend toward gender-neutral language** in translations such as the Today's New International Version and the New Revised Standard Version, among others."

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Standard_Version)

The primary premise for the ESV was to combat the gender-neutral changes infiltrating many other popular versions. The term "gender-neutral" refers to removing the masculine references such as "he, him, man, father, brother, brethren" and replace them with gender-neutral words such as "they, people, person, human" etc. These changes occur to support the homosexual-equal-rights-unisexual-new-age agenda and totally ignore the masculine gender within the Greek text (of any manuscript). (See our detailed review of the TNIV at www.av1611.org/kjv/tniv_intro.html)

And how did the ESV perform in combating the gender-neutral language?



Dr. Mark L. Strauss, author of *Distorting Scripture?: The Challenge of Bible Translation & Gender Accuracy*, writes concerning the “gender-neutral language” of the ESV:

“The recently published *English Standard Version* (ESV; Crossway Bibles, 2001) is a revision of the *Revised Standard Version* (RSV, 1952). **One of the major areas of revision in the ESV is the introduction of *gender-inclusive language*** (sometimes called *gender-neutral language*). **In hundreds of cases the ESV introduces terms like ‘one’ or ‘person’ or ‘others’ for the RSV’s masculine generic terms ‘man’ and ‘men.’ . . .**

In this way, the ESV is very much like the recently published *Today’s New International Version* (TNIV), which revises the *New International Version* (NIV) in a similar manner. . . .”

(Strauss, Mark L. Strauss. *The Gender-Neutral Language of the English Standard Version* (ESV))

Remember, the primary reason Dobson and crew devised the ESV was to counter the introduction of gender-neutral language in the new versions. **And yet, the ESV did the same thing!**

Dr. Strauss relates the “odd and ironic” infiltration of gender-neutral changes in the ESV because the ESV publishers and promoters were “some of the strongest attacks against the gender language of the TNIV”. **Remember, that was the supposed “purpose” of the ESV – to counter the gender-neutral agenda. . .**

“What is odd and ironic is that the some of the strongest attacks against the gender language of the TNIV are coming from those who produced similar gender changes in the ESV. One has to wonder therefore whether these attacks are motivated as much from ideological and marketing concerns related to the ESV as from a concern for fidelity in translation.”

(Strauss, Mark L. Strauss. *The Gender-Neutral Language of the English Standard Version* (ESV))

Can you spell “H-Y-P-O-C-R-I-T-E”?

And this is no small change. For instance, the word “man, men” is “neutered” in the ESV 968 times. The masculine pronoun, “he, him, his” is neutered 1832 times! And the new-age, evolutionist, neuter buzzword “human” is employed 63 times.

How can key Christian leaders assemble, conceive and design a counter-attack against the “gender-neutral” Bible version invasion and yet when the plan is actually implemented the exact opposite occurs? Did they deceive themselves? What happened to their original convictions? It’s almost as if someone else took over and changed their course of action? Who could have done such a subtle and sinister deed? [Hint” He tempted Eve (and damned mankind) with the simple, subtle question “Yea, hath God said?” (Genesis 3:1)] While some may scoff at that allegation, there is no doubt in this author’s mind that the subtle serpent of Genesis 3 was at work. What other explanation can rationalize such a total change of course?

The following are a few examples (from the thousands) of gender-neutral changes flooding the ESV. Notice, replacing “man” with the generic term “person, human, peoples, one” etc. significantly deflects the direct application of the verse.

Mathew 5:13

KJB

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of **men**.

ESV

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under **people's** feet.

Mathew 19:23-24

KJB

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich **man** shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich **man** to enter into the kingdom of God.

ESV

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich **person** enter the kingdom of heaven.

Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich **person** to enter the kingdom of God."

Romans 3:4

KJB

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every **man** a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

ESV

By no means! Let God be true though every **one** were a liar, as it is written, "That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged."

Romans 3:28

KJB

Therefore we conclude that **a man** is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

ESV

For we hold that **one** is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Romans 5:7

KJB

For scarcely for a righteous **man** will one die: yet peradventure for a good **man** some would even dare to die.

ESV

For one will scarcely die for a righteous **person**--though perhaps for a good **person** one would dare even to die--

Romans 10:10

KJB

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

ESV

For with the heart **one** believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

1 Corinthians 2:11

KJB

For what **man** knoweth the things of **a man**, save the spirit of **man** which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth **no man**, but the Spirit of God.

ESV

For who knows a **person's** thoughts except the spirit of that **person**, which is in him? So also no **one** comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

Notice in the following verses that "man" is replaced with "human, human being". Now honestly, is there anybody that *really* believes "human" is easier to read or clearer than "man"? Does any "human" on the planet really believe that "man" is archaic or outdated and that a new Bible version is required to replace "man" with "human"? Apparently, Dobson, Crossway, and the ESV "boys" do. . .

1 Corinthians 2:13-14

KJB

Which things also we speak, not in the words which **man's wisdom** teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

But the **natural man** receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

ESV

And we impart this in words not taught by **human wisdom** but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The **natural person** does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 4:3

KJB

But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of **man's judgment**: yea, I judge not mine own self.

ESV

But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any **human court**. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

Act 17:25 (notice "worship" is dulled to "served")

KJB

Neither is worshipped with **men's hands**, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

ESV

nor is he served by **human hands**, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

Romans 2:9

KJB

Tribulation and anguish, upon every **soul of man** that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

ESV

There will be tribulation and distress for **every human being** who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek,

Romans 3:5

KJB

But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? *Is* God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a **man**)

ESV

But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a **human way**.)

Romans 6:19

KJB

I speak after the **manner of men** because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

ESV

I am speaking in **human terms**, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

1 Corinthians 2:13

KJB

Which things also we speak, not in the words which **man's wisdom** teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

ESV

And we impart this in words not taught by **human wisdom** but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

1 Corinthians 3:3

KJB

For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and **walk as men**?

ESV

for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and **behaving only in a human way**?

1 Corinthians 9:8

KJB

Say I these things as **a man**? or saith not the law the same also?

ESV

Do I say these things on **human authority**? Does not the Law say the same?

Galatians 3:15

KJB

Brethren, I speak after the **manner of men**; Though *it be* but a **man's covenant**, yet *if it be* confirmed, **no man** disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

ESV

To give a **human example**, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, **no one** annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified.

Ephesians 4:14

KJB

That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight **of men**, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

ESV

so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by **human cunning**, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Philippians 2:8

KJB

And being found in fashion **as a man**, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

ESV

And being found **in human form**, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Colossians 2:8

KJB

Beware lest **any man** spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the **tradition of men**, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

ESV

See to it that **no one** takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to **human tradition**, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

James 3:8

KJB

But the tongue can **no man** tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

ESV

but **no human being** can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

1 Peter 2:13

KJB

Submit yourselves to every **ordinance of man** for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

ESV

Be subject for the Lord's sake to **every human institution**, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,

1 Peter 4:2

KJB

That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the **lusts of men**, but to the will of God.

ESV

so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for **human passions** but for the will of God.

And this is a very, very small sampling of the lunacy and hypocrisy of the homosexual, new-age "gender-neutral" agenda saturating the ESV.

THE WARNING. . .

The Lord has some strong warnings against adding and subtracting from the Word of God.

Deuteronomy 4:2 reads: "**YE SHALL NOT ADD** unto the word which I command you, **NEITHER SHALL YE DIMINISH** ought from it . . ."

Proverbs 30:6, reads, "**ADD THOU NOT** unto his words . . ."

And just in case you missed it, **GOD'S LAST WARNING** is Revelation 22:18,19, ". . . If any man **SHALL ADD** unto these things. . . **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 Jesus Christ, in Luke 8:12, gives a clear aim of Satan, ". . . **then cometh the devil, and TAKETH AWAY the word . . .**"

THE ESV “TAKETH AWAY” 17 COMPLETE VERSES

As we go through this material, get your ESV Bible and please check me out. Don't believe a word I'm writing. (see Romans 3:4) Please check me out. See the evidence for yourself. Note: Most of these examples of perversions are found in the vast majority of all the new versions. The reason they all carry these corruptions is that they are all built upon the corrupt Westcott and Hort Greek text. And the W&H text carries these thousands of distortions and deletions. Remember they're not simply updating the King James "English" text, but they are build upon a drastically different corrupt Greek text, produced by two "admitted" heretics.

The ESV completely removes the following 17 verses:

Matthew 12:47

Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

Matthew 17:21

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Matthew 18:11

For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

Matthew 23:14

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

Mark 7:16

If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

Mark 9:44

Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Mark 9:46

Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Mark 11:26

But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Mark 15:28

28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

Luke 17:36

Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Luke 22:44

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Luke 23:17

(For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

John 5:4

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

Acts 8:37

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Acts 15:34

Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still.

Acts 24:7 (note half of Acts 24:6 and 24:8 is also removed)

7 But the chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence took him away out of our hands,

Acts 28:29

And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

Romans 16:24

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

After Mark 16:8 the ESV states, "Some of the earliest manuscripts do not include 16:9-20." Zap-There goes another 12 verses. And by the way, that is absolutely untrue! The book, *The Last Twelve Verses of the Gospel of Mark*, by Dean Burgon contains over 400 pages of documented evidence for Mark 16:9-20, that has never been refuted, nor ever will!

After John 7:52, the NIV, reads, "The earliest manuscripts do not include John 7:53-8:11" **Zap-There goes another 12 verses!**

THE ESV "TAKETH AWAY" OVER 33,000 WORDS IN JUST THE NEW TESTAMENT!

A word comparison with the New Testament of the KJB and the ESV reveals the ESV removes over a staggering 33,000 words! And that is nothing to sneeze at. That equals removing the complete books of Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Malachi, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John and Jude - **combined!**

That's a huge part of your Bible that someone decided you didn't need!

And that's just the words ripped from the New Testament!

So much for the Lord's stern warning against adding and taking away from His Words.

In case you think the ESV simply removes insignificant archaic words. The ESV removes "key" words and phrases from hundreds of verses. The following are some examples of the words "taketh away" in the ESV. The words marked in red are removed in the ESV.

Mathew 19:9

KJB

And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: **and whoso marieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.**

ESV

And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery."

Mark 9:49

KJB

For every one shall be salted with fire, **and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.**

ESV

For everyone will be salted with fire.

Luke 9:55-56

KJB

But he turned, and rebuked them, **and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.** And they went to another village.

ESV

But he turned and rebuked them.
And they went on to another village.

Luke 22:64

KJB

And when they had blindfolded him, **they struck him on the face**, and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote thee?

ESV

They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"

John 3:13

KJB

And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man **which is in heaven**.

ESV

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

John 8:59

KJB

Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, **going through the midst of them, and so passed by**.

ESV

So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Acts 9:5

KJB

And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: ***it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks***.

And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

ESV

And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Acts 18:21

KJB

But bade them farewell, saying, **I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem**: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

ESV

But on taking leave of them he said, "I will return to you if God wills," and he set sail from Ephesus.

Romans 8:1

KJB

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit**.

ESV

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 13:9

KJB

For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, **Thou shalt not bear false witness**, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

ESV

For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

1 Corinthians 10:28

KJB

But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice **unto idols**, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: **for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:**

ESV

But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience--

Galatians 3:1

KJB

O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, **that ye should not obey the truth**, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

ESV

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified.

Ephesians 3:14

KJB

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father **of our Lord Jesus Christ**,

ESV

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

Titus 1:4

KJB

To Titus, *mine* own son after the common faith: Grace, **mercy**, and peace, from God the Father and **the Lord** Jesus Christ our Saviour.

ESV

To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Hebrews 2:7

KJB

Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, **and didst set him over the works of thy hands:**

ESV

You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor,

1 John 5:7

KJB

For there are three that bear record **in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**

And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree **in one.**

ESV

For there are three that testify:

the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

THE ESV & THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Among the more troubling changes in the new versions is the strategic attack on the Lord Jesus Christ. Some times the attack is small and subtle, such as removing “Lord” or “Christ,” or swipes at the virgin birth or the blood atonement. Other times, the attack is a nuclear assault, such as stripping “God” from 1 Timothy 3:16. **But make no mistake – the attack is real.** And most people reading just the ESV (or the other versions) never realize this sinister attack on the Lord Jesus Christ.

There’s something very special about the name of “Jesus”.

The Bible says in Acts 4:12, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is **none other name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Philippians 2:10 says about the name of Jesus, “That at **the name of Jesus** every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;” (Philippians 2:10)

And the ESV removes the precious name of “Jesus” 18 times! And believe it or not – it removes “Jesus Christ” 51 times!

And that’s not all. . . The ESV removes the word “Christ” 39 times. The “Lord” 66 times. And “God” 38 times.

In Matthew 5:22, the ESV removes “without a cause” hence making Jesus Christ (who got angry in Mark 3:5 and other places) danger of the judgment.

Matthew 5:22

KJB

But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother **without a cause** shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

ESV

But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

That wonderful, familiar song says, “What can wash away my sins, nothing but the blood of Jesus.” Not according to the ESV. . .

The only place in the Bible that references “washing” my sins in the blood of Jesus Christ is Revelation 1:5. And the ESV replaces “wash” with “freed”. Why doesn’t the ESV and the new versions change the song to “What can free my sins”? Because they wouldn’t dare change the words of the song for respect of the author of the song – and yet they’ll change the words of God without blinking an eye!

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,

ESV

and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and **has freed us** from our sins by his blood

Colossians 1:14 takes another surgical swipe at the precious blood of Jesus Christ by removing the words – “through his blood.” The ESV deliberately rips out the words “through his blood.” Salvation is **ONLY** “through his blood.” Hebrews 9:22, reads, “. . . without shedding of **BLOOD** is no remission.” That old song says, “What can wash away my sins, **NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS!**” But not according to the English SUBStandard Version. . .

Colossians 1:14

KJB

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

ESV

in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1 Peter 4:1 removes the simple two words “for us” thus surgically amputating what Jesus Christ did “for us.”

KJB

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered **for us** in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

ESV

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

Hebrews 1:3 takes another subtle swipe at the blood atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ by removing the key words “by himself,” hence negating His personal sacrificial death. At the same time, the ESV muddles the incarnation of the Lord Jesus by changing “Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person” to the vague “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature.”

KJB

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had **by himself** purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

ESV

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

In Luke 13:32, the ESV robs Jesus Christ of His “perfection” and instead only allows Him to “finish my course.”

Luke 13:32

KJB

And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third *day* I shall be **perfected**.

ESV

And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I **finish my course**."

The ESV in Philippians 2:6-7 drops an atomic bomb on the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the clearest verses in the Bible proclaiming that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh and the ESV totally changes the verse to deliberately deny the deity of Jesus Christ. The ESV changes the clear, definitive statement “thought it not robbery to be equal with God” to the exact opposite “did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped”!

KJB

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

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

ESV

who, though he was in the form of God, **did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped**, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

If Philippians 2 was an atomic assault on the deity and incarnation of Jesus Christ, the ESV attacks 1 Timothy 3:16 with a devastating nuclear attack. 1 Timothy 3:16 is easily the clearest declaration in the scriptures that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh, and the ESV creates a grammatical gobbled-gook to deny the deity of Jesus Christ!

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.

ESV

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: **He was manifested in the flesh**, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

The ESV reads, "HE was manifested in the flesh". So What? Everyone was "manifested in the flesh"! "He" is a pronoun that refers to a noun or antecedent. There is no antecedent in the context! The statement does not make grammatical sense. The ESV distorts 1 Timothy 3:16 into utter nonsense while denying the deity of Jesus Christ!

1 John 4:3 provides us a tell-tale sign to identify the spirit of the antichrist. Of course, the antichrist surely wishes this verse could be diluted to dull the reader's discernment. And of course, the ESV grants his demonic wish by removing the key words "is come in the flesh".

1 John 4:3

KJB

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ **is come in the flesh** is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

ESV

and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

Like all good Bible PerVersions the ESV perverts John 3:16 by removing the critical "begotten" and thus changing John 3:16 into a lie. Adam is called the "son of God" in Luke 3:38, there are "sons of God" in Job 1:6 and Christians are called "sons of God" in Philippians 2:15, 1 John 3:2- but Jesus Christ was the "only BEGOTTEN Son" By removing the critical word "begotten" -- the ESV perverts John 3:16 into a lie. The ESV also removes "begotten" in John 1:14, 1:18, 3:18 and 1 John 4:9,

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.

ESV

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his **only Son**, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

NO LUCIFER IN THE ESV

Isaiah 14:14 reveals Satan's grandest desire, "I will be like the most High." And with a little subtle perversion - the ESV in Isaiah 14:12 grants Satan's wish.

In Isaiah 14:12, the King James Bible clearly identifies "Lucifer". But the ESV refers to "Lucifer" as one of the titles of the Lord Jesus Christ – "Day Star" in 1 Peter 1:19 and the Morning star of Revelation 22:16.

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 weaken the nations!

ESV

"How you are fallen from heaven, **O Day Star**, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!

1 Peter 1:19
KJB

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the **day star** arise in your hearts:

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 ESV makes Lucifer the "Day Star" in Isaiah 14, and the Hebrew word for star (kokab) is not in Isaiah 14:12. Why did they do it? Hint. Read Genesis 3:1

THE QUENCHING OF HELL

The Bible says in Matt 25:41 that hell "prepared for the devil and his angels." Now surely the Devil's going to tone down the flames of hell. And he does, the ESV removes hell 40 times.

Get this "devil and devils" is removed a whopping 83 times in the ESV!

THE LORD'S PRAYER OR. . . THE DEVIL'S PRAYER?

As we previously witnessed the ESV surgically blurs the roles of the Lord Jesus and Satan. Another classic (and sad) case is the popular "Lord's Prayer". Notice the ESV removes the critical words that identify God the Father. Note: The words in red are removed from the ESV.

KJB (Luke 11:2-4)

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father **which art in heaven**, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.**

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; **but deliver us from evil.**

ESV (Luke 11:2-4)

2 And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread,

4 and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

The "Father" of the ESV is not "in heaven" and does not "deliver us from evil." The ESV changes The Lord's Prayer in Luke 2 into the Devil's Prayer.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

One of the loudest protests against the 1952 RSV was the attack on the virgin birth in Isaiah 7:14 by changing “virgin” to “young woman”.

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 RSV

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

By the way, how does “a young woman shall conceive” be a “sign”? Duh... Young woman conceive all the time. But for a “virgin” to conceive – now that’s a “sign” from the Lord.

Following the RSV’s attack on the virgin birth of Isaiah 7:14, an onslaught of Christian leaders came rushing out of the woodshed vehemently attacking the apostate RSV in 1952, even publicly burning copies of the RSV. And yet the ESV (and nearly every other new version) attack the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ in Luke 2:33 by changing “Joseph” to “his father”.

Luke 2:33

KJB

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

ESV

And **his father** and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

Note: Some new version defenders have sought to justify the “his father” of Luke 2:33 in the ESV with the KJB in Luke 2:48, “And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, **thy father** and I have sought thee sorrowing.” But here’s the important difference. In Luke 2:48 the Bible is quoting Mary recognizing the parental role of Joseph, but in Luke 2:33, the Holy Spirit is narrating the facts concerning the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE ATTACK ON THE WORD OF GOD. . .

Obviously, with the ESV “corrupting” the words of God like a madman possessed from hell (literally), you’d certainly expect the ESV to cover their tracks by changing “corrupt the word of God” in 2 Corinthians 2:17. (And you’re right – they did . . .) Not to be disappointed, hell’s hit man from the ESV conveniently takes care of 2 Corinthians 2:17 by quietly changing “corrupt the word of God” to “peddlers of God’s word.”

2 Corinthians 2:17

KJB

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.

ESV

For we are not, like so many, **peddlers of God’s word**, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

2 Timothy 2:15 contains the only command in the scriptures to “study” the word of God. Of course, the ESV crew has got to get rid of that “study”. After all, if you actually “study” your Bible you might just find out what the ESV and the Dobson-Crossway crowd is doing to the Word of God. And they just can’t allow that. Got to get rid of that “study.” So presto-magic - “study” no mo. . . Just “do you best.” Oh by the way, you no longer rightly “divide” the word of truth, you just “rightly handle”. The ESV surgically removes the only command to “study” your Bible, and rips out the only instructions on how to study it - “rightly dividing”.

2 Timothy 2:15

KJB

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing** the word of truth.

ESV

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling** the word of truth.

In Luke 4, the devil tempts the Lord Jesus Christ. And the Lord battles the devil with “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Eph 6:17) but wait – hold the phone – it’s not in the ESV! Believe it or not (please check it out) while the Lord is battling the temptations of the devil, the ESV disarms the Lord by removing His sword! The ESV removes “but by every word of God.” Wow! Any doubt whose the mastermind pulling the strings on these new versions. . .

Luke 4:4

KJB

And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every word of God.**

ESV

And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"

To make matters even worse (and to display the total Bible stupidity of the ESV crew) the Lord Jesus is quoting Deuteronomy 8:3. The ESV obviously doesn't even know what Deuteronomy 8:3 says.

Deuteronomy 8:3

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; **that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.**

And Christian leaders are promoting and praising this anti-Christ mess? You read the accolades (and there's a lot more on the ESV web site)? I suspect most of those so-called Christian leaders are not daily “reading” and “searching” their Bible (any version), they just carry it around and “use it” only when absolutely necessary. **How else can you explain them praising such a wicked and open attack on the Word of God?**

ESV AND SALVATION

Paul warns the Christian in 2 Corinthians 11:3 of Satan's attempt to corrupt your minds “from the simplicity that is in Christ.”

2 Corinthians 11:3

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

And the ESV successfully carries out the serpent's beguiling desire by corrupting “the simplicity that is in Christ.” The ESV's corruption and confusion of the simplicity of Christ injects the deadly venom from the subtle serpent of Genesis 3:1, “Yea, hath God said. . .?”

Remember Hort despises the blood atonement of Jesus Christ labeling it “an almost universal heresy.” He also adds the “doctrine of substitution, (how that Jesus took our place (substitution) on the cross) is “**an immoral and material counterfeit**”:

Oct. 15th - Hort: "I entirely agree - correcting one word - with what you there say on the Atonement, having for many years believed that "the absolute union of the Christian (or rather, of man) with Christ Himself" is the spiritual truth of which the **popular doctrine of substitution is an immoral and material counterfeit**...Certainly nothing can be more unscriptural than the modern limiting of Christ's

bearing our sins and sufferings to His death; but indeed that is only one aspect of **an almost universal heresy.**" (Life, Vol.I, p.430).

Carrying forth Hort's malicious attack on Christ's "substitutionary atonement," the ESV surgically dismantles our "complete salvation" right before your eyes. Salvation in the ESV is not a one-time finished, salvation but a process. It's not "saved" but a continual process of "being saved." In the ESV's and Hort's twisted salvation, at what point does someone actually become "saved" and no longer "being saved"?

Act 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.**

ESV

praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were **being saved.**

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.

ESV

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who **are being saved** it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 15:2

KJB

By which also ye **are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

ESV

and by which you **are being saved**, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.

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:

ESV

For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who **are being saved** and among those who are perishing,

Following right along this pernicious path of "being saved" the ESV no longer allows the saved sinner to be "complete" in Jesus Christ, but merely "filled".

Colossians 2:10

KJB

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

ESV

and you have been **filled in him**, who is the head of all rule and authority.

The ESV perverts “narrow is the way” of salvation into “the way is hard”. There’s nothing “hard” about God’s wonderful way to salvation. It’s as simple as “opening a door” (John 10:9) or drinking a glass of water (John 4:14). But it is “narrow”. It’s very “narrow”. There’s only one, single, “narrow” way. Jesus Christ says in 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.**” Again the ESV totally changes and perverts the simple way of salvation.

Matthew 7:14

KJB

Because strait *is* the gate, and **narrow is the way**, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

ESV

For the gate is narrow and **the way is hard** that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

THE ENGLISH SUB-STANDARD VERSION

The English Standard Version should have been correctly named The English SUBStandard Version. In every conceivable way: easy of reading; accuracy; doctrine; honoring the Lord Jesus; truthfulness – it is SubStandard. Would any sincere Christian trade their trustworthy King James Bible for such a pitiful phony?

I think not. . . .

We’ll end our examination of the ESV with the words of the “Great Orator” himself, President Ronald Reagan. During one of Reagan’s famous radio talks, he compared the Good News Bible (also called the Good News for Modern Man and Today’s English Version) to the King James Bible. Reagan’s keen analysis of the Good News Bible would just as easily apply to the ESV:

“The sponsors of the Good News version boast that their Bible is as readable as the daily paper – and so it is. **But do readers of the daily news find themselves moved to wonder, "at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth"?** Mr. Hanser suggests that sadly the "tinkering & general horsing around with the sacred texts will no doubt continue" as pious drudges try to get it right. **"It will not dawn on them that it has already been gotten right."**

This is Ronald Reagan. Thanks for listening.

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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.

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.

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