

King James Version and non-KJV

“We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.”

The above phrase is the first line in the Statement of Faith for some Christian Churches. Today, the validity of this statement is under attack.

- The Authorized King James Version (KJV) of the Bible has been a popular Bible for English speaking people since its publication.
- More than 50 Non-KJV English Bible Versions have been published since the KJV. These Bibles are very helpful in using language that is more understandable to the modern reader.
- When some content of the KJV Bible is compared with some non-KJV Bibles – specifically a comparison of select passages in the non-KJV passage with its corresponding passage in the KJV – the reader discovers that there are some differences which could be perceived as conveying different meanings.
- Sometimes the explanation for the differences is shown using brackets or footnotes. The reasons provided for the translation differences range...
 - o From explaining that the oldest known source documents used to develop the Bible translations did not contain the passage
 - o To questioning whether the passage is truly God’s Word because of the possible effect of the translator’s human bias.
- For God’s Word to be “inspired” and “infallible,” there should not be multiple meanings that portray multiple doctrines in multiple Bibles.
- Of note, there is a detailed scholarly perspective on comparing the KJV with non-KJV Bible translations in the book “Look What’s Missing” by David W. Daniels.
- According to Daniels, the King James Version (KJV) Bible is not just another translation. Based on his arguments in that book, KJV should be considered “the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.”

Reference:

David W. Daniels, **Look What’s Missing** (Chick Publications, 2017)

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God magnifies His Word above His name and promised to preserve His Word for us.

...” for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.”

Psalm 138:2

“The words of the Lord are pure words...

Thou shall preserve them from this generation forever.”

Psalm 12:6-7

The above passages reveal that God gives the highest honor to His Word, and He wants every generation to know and understand His Word.

When the Authorized KJV Bible was developed, it was translated by scholars who were intentional in developing the most accurate translation, from the ancient sources available, into the common language of the English-speaking people at the time of its publication in the 17th century.

- Non-KJV Bible Versions are helpful to the modern reader in understanding some of the words in the KJV that are no longer used today. Additionally, Bible scholars have supplied many helpful resources for understanding the Bible using non-KJV Bible versions.
- With all the above in mind, the author of the “Know His Word Bible Study” series—who was raised using the King James Version Bible, and who greatly values its divine inspiration has learned to also appreciate the benefits of some of the non-KJV translations.
- By the leading of God’s Holy Spirit, Jennifer B. Price utilizes the scriptural foundation of the KJV Bible for all Bible Study, and then utilizes other Bible versions as tools to facilitate the studies, trusting the Holy Spirit to guide in providing a right understanding.
- As an example, “Know His Word Bible Study” uses the daily readings from the “New Living Translation One Year Chronological Bible,” and provides explanations based on conducting the study using the KJV Bible as the authoritative guide to understanding the scriptures.

Pray:

God’s Holy Spirit will open your understanding and guide you into ALL truth.
Psalm 119:18, John 16:13, 1 Corinthians 2:10-12, John 16:13

**“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God,
they are the sons of God.”**

Romans 8:14