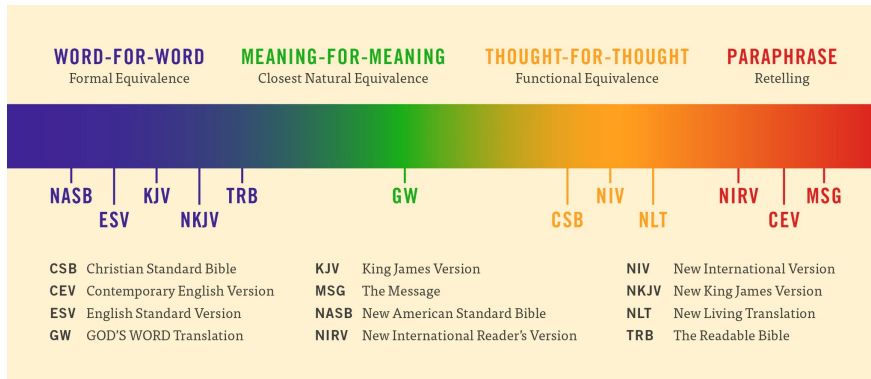


Can I Trust The Bible? And Why Would I? Which Bible?

I. Which Bible?

- A. The King James version only crowd...
- B. What is your favorite Bible version?
- C. What is the most accurate Bible version?



II. Some Things To Understand About The Bible

- A. All translation requires interpretation.
- B. Languages are not codes.
- C. All translation work reflects certain priorities.

III. Here's What Is Important

- A. Read the Bible.
 - Listening to the Bible is just like reading the Bible.
 - Download the Bible App.
- B. Be curious.
 - 1. It is more important that the Bible get through you than you get through the Bible.
- C. Be confident.
 - "As a friend of mine says about the major translations available today, none will lead you to heresy - and all will lead you to the cross." - Mounce, William D. Why I Trust The Bible (p. 196)
- D. THINK! - 2 Peter 3:15-18, ESV
 - Don't be afraid of the tension. - If you aren't uncomfortable or disagreeing with the scriptures, you're not paying attention.
 - "Let the scriptures speak."
- E. Compare.
 - Have a favorite version.
 - Mix it up.
- F. Soak. - Phillipians 4:8, ESV

IV. God's Heart For Your Heart

"but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."

- John 20:31, ESV

**Trust The Bible. Entrust Yourself To Jesus.
And Live.**

What is Communion?

Today we share in the biblical ordinance known as Communion, the Lord's Supper and the Eucharist. *But what is it?*

The night before Jesus was crucified, he shared the traditional Jewish "Passover" meal with his disciples. This was originally intended to remember when God rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. On that night, Jesus infused new meaning into the meal. A new covenant between God and his people.

From that point forward, it would serve to remind us of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross to save us from the penalty of our sins: separation from God. The bread (wafer) represents Jesus' broken body; the cup (juice), his shed blood. Both are vivid symbols of his sacrifice for us.

Why we do Communion

Jesus said to in remembrance of him: 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

To proclaim Jesus' sacrifice: 1 Corinthians 11:26

To participate in the body and blood of Christ: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

How we do Communion

We partake in the "elements" (wafer and juice) in unison. We encourage you to take time to reflect on Jesus' death and resurrection, and your relationship with him: 1 Corinthians 11:28.

If you have children, you may wish to encourage them to consider their relationship with God. Reading 1 Corinthians 11:17-32 whenever communion is served is a beneficial practice.

It is also okay to *not take communion* – even if you've been following Jesus for as long as you can remember. Sin or unforgiveness can interfere with a worshipful stance towards God in communion.