

More reasons why I do not use the NIV

Last week the article was about the manuscripts that were used to translate the NIV and the slight of hand used to try to cast doubt on some passages while leaving others alone that are also not included in those old manuscripts. This article will deal with passages that are mistranslated in the NIV.

In Matthew 5:32 and 19:9 we find that a person can divorce and remarry for, “marital unfaithfulness.” The KJV states that a person can divorce their mate for the cause of “fornication” in both of these passages. There is a large and vast difference between “marital unfaithfulness” and “fornication.” A person can be unfaithful to the marriage vows in many ways and that does not make it right to divorce. The couple might need some counseling along these lines to help with the problem or problems but that does not mean they need to divorce. According to Vine’s Dictionary of New Testament Words fornication means: “(a) of illicit sexual intercourse, it stand for, or includes, adultery.” The Greek word that is translated fornication is “porneia.” The word “pornography” is derived from this word. According to the NIV, it would be ok to divorce ones mate for the reason of sickness, not taking out the trash, not taking care of the car or lawn or not doing the laundry, not cleaning the house and many other ideas that would or could come under the heading of “marital unfaithfulness.” There are persons within a marriage now using this to divorce their mates and remarry. One wonders how they will fair on the judgment day? God has clearly stated what He means, and we do not need any help to weaken it down. The translators will have to give an account for what they have caused people to believe and do as well as those who are doing. We are to know the truth! The term “marital unfaithfulness” is way too vague for something as serious as this.

The NIV will also confuse a person about when they are saved. Ephesians 1:13-14 in the NIV reads, “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth...” You did not know that a person is saved as soon as they hear? Look carefully at that passage again. It says that a person is “included in Christ” when they hear! Ephesians 1:3 according to the NIV says, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” So as soon as we hear, whether we accept or not we are included in those spiritual blessings. Not only that, but read Ephesians 1:7 in the NIV. It states, “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.” So if we are “included in Christ” when we hear, does that mean also that we have forgiveness of sins at the same point? Does that mean we have redemption at the point

when we hear the Gospel? They do not have to even believe according to the NIV! All we have to do is preach the Gospel to people and if they hear it they are saved. Is that not what all those things mean such as redemption, all spiritual blessings, and the forgiven of sins? When is a person saved? Are they saved when they hear? Are they saved when they believe? (If this is the case the we have devils saved [James 2:19 says that the devils believed and trembled] and we have other men who did not confess Him being saved also {John 12:42-43}. Who believes this?) Can a person repent of their sins only and be saved? Can a person just confess that Jesus is the Christ and be saved? If this is the case then again we have the devils being saved because they did confess that Jesus was the Holy One of God (Mark 1:24). The devils are not saved nor are they in a safe condition; they are in a place that is prepared for them and that is in burning fire for all of eternity. If a person that is saved must do all of these things plus “have his sins washed away” (Acts 22:16). One is not included into Christ when they hear the Gospel but when they obey His commands (John 14:15).

The NIV also has in Ephesians 5:19 that all we have to do is “make music.” Now there is a huge difference in making music and singing. “Making music” can include a lot of ideas. Singing is a specific kind of music. “Making music” can include many different kinds of instruments, but the Bible mentions only one instrument, and that is the heart of the individual (Ephesians 5:19 KJV “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”) Those who want to use the instruments have debated this issue for many years. They have tried many, many ways to have your Bibles read so that the mechanical instruments of music can be used. The Bible does not read that way and should not read that way. The passage should not be translated in the way that the NIV does. This is just a few of the reasons why I do not use the NIV.

Would you want to place your soul in jeopardy with such a translation? There are other passages that could be dealt with but this is sufficient to see that this translation is not to be trusted. These areas do and will affect the souls of those who use this mistranslated version of the Bible. Let us be careful and use an accurate translation of the Bible.

Let us be careful with our Bibles. Let us study our Bibles on a daily basis. Let us trust and obey God with all our hearts.
Love, Keith

Those serving...Next Sunday

Song Leading
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Lord’s Supper

Don Evans
Jonathan Evans
Perry Sims
Chuck Mitchell(P)

Tom Parker, John Hughes, Clyde Hill,
Jesse Callihan, Timmy Thomas, Grant Parker
Calvin McCoy
Larry Edlridge

Closing Prayer
Announcements/Invitation

VBS!! PLAN ON IT! JUNE 8-12!

BULLETIN INFORMATION

If there is something that needs to be put in the bulletin please email Crissy at trudyblue1@yahoo.com. Please get this info to her before Thursday evening. You can also text her with info at 706-206-8514

Those serving...**April 5th-A.M. Services**

Song Leading	Don Evans
Scripture Reading	Jerry Martinez
Opening Prayer	Chuck Mitchell
Lord's Supper	Calvin McCoy(P)

Jerry Shepherd, Eugene Hendrix, Art Hein,
Trey Callihan, Timmy Thomas, Duke Allen

Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Frank Long
Media Attendant	Dwayne McCannon
Announcements/Invitation	Tommy Wolaver

April 5th-P.M. Services

Song Leading	Tom Wolaver
Scripture Reading	Jerry Martinez
Opening Prayer	Albert Tolle
Delivering Sermon	Keith Dixon
Closing Prayer	Art Hein

April 8th-Wednesday Services

Announcements	Tommy Wolaver
Lead Singing	Don Evans
Devotional	Tom Wolaver
Closing Prayer	Albert Tolle
Media Attendant	John Newham

LADIES RETREAT-APRIL 24-25

This will be a fun trip for the ladies. Topics have been given for short devos on Friday night. A trip to Calloway Gardens is a must! This will be a great way for the ladies to grow closer together!

TEAM 1

Team 1 will not meet today in regards to family time on Easter. Next week Team 2 will meet after morning worship.

VBS SIGN UP SHEET

Check the foyer for a sign up sheet for VBS. There are MANY areas that you can help. It takes ALL of us working together to make this possible.

CHECK THE FOYER

There are many things happening in the area. There are lists, schedules, and sign-up sheets in the foyer and on the bulletin board next to the nursery.

APRIL 14TH LADIES DEVO

The ladies meet monthly in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish at 7pm and join them in the fellowship.

For The Record...**March 29th**

Bible Study	54
AM Worship	83
PM Worship	48

April 1st Bible Study	32
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APRIL 05, 2015

Assembly Times:**Sunday**

Bible Study-9:30 am
Worship-10:30 am
PM Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study
Morning-10:30 am
Evening-7:00 pm

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TOM WOLAVER 770-560-3722

MINISTER
KEITH DIXON

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	John 8:24
Repent	Acts 17:30
Confess	Romans 10:9-10
Baptized	Acts 22:16
Live Faithfully	Matthew 7:21

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Visitors Welcome!

You are truly our honored guests! We hope that you find our Bible Study and Worship Service beneficial to you. We seek only to worship God in the same manner as done by Christians when the church began in Acts 2. Please stay after services so that we may get to know you. For your convenience, there is a nursery in the foyer for babies up to 18 months old and a toddlers room next to the auditorium.

COME BACK TONIGHT! SERVICES START AT 6PM.

UP
Community
EVENTS

TEAM 2 NEXT SUNDAY!

After morning worship there will be a lunch served. Please plan to stay and join us, especially if you are a guest!

APRIL 14THG-TUESDAY NIGHT-LADIES MONTHLY DEVO

7PM. Bring a finger food!!

MEN'S BREAKFAST-EVERY WED-9AM~POT-LUCK-CAFE

Ladies Retreat next month! April 24th. The ladies are looking forward to this fellowship. It will be fun!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE JUNE 8-12! GET READY!**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Jerry Coopers brother passed away. Jerry and Almeda are in Missouri. Art Hein had teeth removed recently.. Sharon Eldridge is having back issues. Please keep Yvonne Spates in your prayers. Trey Callihan had spots removed that were cancerous. Anita Pettus has been at home due to a back injury. Please send her a card if you can.

Karen Atkinson and June Handte are experiencing health issues. Jewel Taylor fell and broke her knee cap. Please keep Miss. Jewel in your prayers.

Pray for the recent ones who have been sick recently. Gloria Ansley, Karon Sims, Rita Mitchell, and Gina Tolle have all recently dealt with health issues. Continue to lift them up! Pray for our entire congregation.

Keep the men and women of our military in your prayers

Corey Henry, Barron Crane, Matt Callihan, Jacob Shepherd, Nicholas Stacks, Shilo Crane, Tim Dixon, Josh Blackburn, Matt Shepherd, Ronald Bly

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS-APRIL

The pantry is used for members or anyone in need. Please help us be able to keep these items on hand. Let your kids bring them to class. They'll be excited to help!

- Tuna
- Canned Beans
- Ketchup
- Body Wash
- Tooth Paste

April 26-7PM
Bring your bible and a friend!

YOUTH NEWS

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.

Psalms 119:9

Please keep any electronic devices on silent during worship.

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