ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

Many are the questions that come from those who want to know more about the Bible. We trust that the brethren at Getwell are studying and preparing to have the right answers for those who are inquiring (I Pet. 3:15). Perhaps the most asked question by our friends visiting our services is why we do not have instrumental music to accompany our singing. The simple answer that should be given by every member of the Lord’s church is WE HAVE NO AUTHORITY FOR THE USE OF MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTS OF MUSIC WITH OUR SINGING (Eph. 5:19).

The reason that we do not do this, or many other things sometime found in religion today, is found in the answer above. If the blood-sealed New Testament does not command it or give an approved example of its use or imply its use by those in the early church using it, we do not use it because we do not want to go beyond that which is written (II Jn. 9-11). This is the very same reason we do not offer incense, burn sacrifices, forbid the eating of meats (fish only on Fridays), observe holy days, keep the Sabbath, pray to the virgin Mary, count beads in worship, believe in purgatory, the papacy, transubstantiation, infant baptism, sprinkling or pouring for baptism, teach “original sin,” have church hierarchies, uphold denominationalism, wear human names, have monthly or quarterly or yearly communion (on Thursday nights, or at weddings), or teach from the Book of Mormon. These are only a part of the multitudes of man-made doctrines and practices that have deformed and marred first century Christianity which was delivered by the inspired apostles of Christ (Jn. 16:13).

It is not our desire to be odd and different just to be different, but we want to please our Father in Heaven (Rev. 22:18-19). We invite you to come and join hands with us in walking by faith (II Cor. 5:7; Heb. 11:6).
Modernism has no respect for the inspired message, thinking and teaching that the Bible is no more than any other book of human origin. Preachers, teachers, editors, brethren or professors should not defend, teach, nor encourage our young people, or any people, to accept this as the Bible. When the basis of the foundation of Christianity is removed, the complete structure is soon to fall! Basic and fundamental truths are tampered with and removed from the RSV!

“What Is Wrong with the Revised Standard Version?” (1946)

Its errors include:
1. Removing the miraculous sign from Isaiah 7:14 by saying that “Almah” is YOUNG WOMAN instead of VIRGIN.
2. Attempting to remove the prophetic connection in Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:24, thus denying inspiration.
3. Removing every scriptural reference to Jesus being the “only begotten” Son of God. Jn. 1:14, 18; 3:16, etc.
4. Denying that Jesus Christ is divine by referring deliberately to Deity with “Thee, Thou, Thine” and to Jesus as “you.” Matt. 16:16.
5. Changing the singular term “seed” in the spiritual promise made to Abraham (Gen. 22:18) to the plural term “descendants.” (See also Gal. 3:16; Acts 3:25.)
7. Cutting out Mark 16:9-20, ignoring undeniable proof that it belongs in the text. (See their footnote.)
8. Removing completely Luke 22:20, “Likewise also the cup after supper saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.”
9. It botches the words of Christ (Matt. 5:17) to contradict Paul, the inspired apostle! Eph. 2:14-15.
10. Changes the word “judgment” (referring to Paul’s inspired judgment) to simply “opinion.” I Cor. 7:25.

Briefly, we have pointed to some of the difficulties of subtle and deceptive modernism now housed in the Revised Standard Version. The name is as close as they could get to the honored American Revised Standard Version, but be not deceived—they are not the same!

(These articles are excerpts from the tract, “New Translations, What Is Wrong With Them?” These tracts can be ordered from Gary Colley.)

Great Things about The Lord’s Church

1. Greatest Authority (Matt. 28:18-20)
2. Greatest Salvation from sin [full, absolute forgiveness!] (Heb. 2:1-3; 5:8-9; 10:17)
3. Greatest Savior (John 3:16)
4. Greatest Message (I Cor. 15:14)
5. Greatest Worship (John 4:24)
6. Greatest Service (Jas. 1:27; Gal. 6:10)
7. Greatest Sacrifice (Rom. 12:1-2)
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