

**“The Pastor’s Use of the Erasmian *Textus Receptus*”**  
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**There are very few pastors who realize the importance of Erasmus. Many simply dismiss him as a Roman Catholic priest who compiled ancient manuscripts relating to the Scriptures. However, these ancient manuscripts became part of the compilation of manuscripts known as the *Textus Receptus* which became the English Bible known as the King James Version. Thus, pastors are indebted to Erasmus and to his work, which gives heavenly insights into many practical areas of life in which the pastor finds himself ministering with the truth of God. Four such areas are:**

**I. The Pastor and the Person**

- A. The person and his hope (Titus 1:2)
- B. The person and his condition (Romans 3:23)
- C. The person and his need (Romans 6:23)
- D. The person and his help (Romans 5:8)
- E. The person and his faith (Romans 10:9-10)
- F. The person and his eternal life (Romans 10:13)
- G. The person and his service (Romans 12:1-2)

**II. The Pastor and the Home**

- A. The home and its leader (Ephesians 5:23)
  - 1. He is to love his wife (Ephesians 5:25)
  - 2. He is to sanctify his wife (Ephesians 5:26)
  - 3. He is to be considerate (1 Peter 3:7)
  - 4. He is the trainer of his children (Ephesians 6:4)
- B. The home and its keeper
  - 1. She is to guard her home
  - 2. She is to be in subjection to her own husband (Eph. 5:22, 1 Peter 3:1)
- C. The home and its children
  - 1. Children are to obey parents (Ephesians 6:1)
  - 2. Children are to honor parents (Ephesians 6:2)

**III. The Pastor and the Church**

- A. He is a gift from God to perfect the saints (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- B. He is a gift from God to edify the church (Ephesians 4:12)

**IV. The Pastor and the Word (Scripture)**

- A. The word is truth (John 17:17)
- B. The word is from God (2 Peter 1:20-21)
- C. The word is preserved (Matthew 5:18)
- D. The word is inspired (2 Timothy 3:16)
- E. The word is God’s standard for man (2 Timothy 3:17)