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Why BBC Uses the Greek Received Text and Not the Greek Critical Text

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The Received Bible Movement

The *Received Bible Movement* looks to the Bible for its prediction and to history for its fulfillment. The following are biblical principles which find their fulfillment in the Received Texts of the OT and NT, and in translations built upon these Received Texts (Hebrew Masoretic and Greek Received Texts), such as the OT and NT texts of the 1611 King James Version:

1. God's Words are preserved in Heaven.

- a. *"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven"* (Ps. 119:89).
- b. *"But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince"* (Dan. 10:21, 11:2 ff.).
- c. *"The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw..."* (Amos 1:1).
- d. *"The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw..."* (Mic. 1:1).
- e. *"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John"* (Rev. 1:1).

2. God's Words were inspired perfectly in the *autographa*.

- a. *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"* (II Tim. 3:16-18).
- b. *"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost"* (II Pet. 1:21).

3. The Lord promised to preserve these inspired Words for each subsequent generation.

- a. *"Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever"* (Ps. 119:160).
- b. *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"* (Mt. 24:35).

4. He used the Jews to preserve the OT Scriptures and the NT candlesticks to preserve the OT and NT Scriptures.

- a. *"Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them [Jews] were committed the oracles of God"* (Rom. 3:2)

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b. *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen”* (Mt. 28:19-20).

5. These preserved inspired words were made available for each generation.

a. *“For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off...But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it”* (Dt. 30:11, 14).

b. *“And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God”* (Lk. 4:4).

6. His NT churches have recognized, received and preserved the Lord’s Words while rejecting wrested Words and forged canons offered by Satan.

a. *“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe”* (I Thess. 2:13).

b. *“As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction”* (II Pet. 3:16).

c. *“That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand”* (II Thess. 2:2).

d. *“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”* (Gen. 3:1).

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7. These same churches were the basis for the Received Bible Movement begun by the Lord Jesus Christ, Who received canonical words from the Father and in turn gave them to His apostles who in turn received and inscripturated His words.

a. *“For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me”* (Jn. 17:8).

b. *“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls”* (Acts 2:41),

c. *“Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John”* (Acts 8:14).

d. *“And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God”* (Acts 11:1).

e. *“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so”* (Acts 17:11).

f. *“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe”* (I Thes. 2:13).

8. The Lord has given His explicit words of revelation to man in order that man may be able to demonstrate his stewardship with all of God’s words at his respective judgment.

a. *“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day”* (Jn. 12:48)

b. *“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works”* (Rev. 20:12).

9. The Lord Jesus Christ expects man to receive by faith His revelation and produce accurate translations based on the Received Bible movement which originated with Him.

a. *“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word”* (Jn. 17:20).

b. *“Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith”* (Rom. 16:25-26).

10. This Received Bible Movement was recognized and so named in 1633 (*textum...nunc ab omnibus receptum*)—the *Received Text* (TR) movement.

11. The Lord’s NT immersionist assemblies have employed the TR and KJV texts in their Baptist confessions from the 17th to 21st centuries.

The Alternative Text to the Textus Receptus

By 1881, the manifestation of textual resistance against the “text received by all” was the Westcott-Hort text, ultimately known now as the Textus Criticus, or Novum Testamentum Graece, Nestle-Aland 27th Edition. The following are a composite of the propositions posited by proponents of the Critical Text of both the OT and NT and its subsequent modern versions including the ERV (1887), the ASV (1901), the RSV (1952), the NAS (1971), the NIV (1973), and the ESV (2001), as the alternative to the Received Text and KJV:

1. That God did not promise to preserve His words (but just his concepts [hence “word preservation”]).

Contra “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou *shalt keep them*, O LORD, thou *shalt preserve them* from this generation for ever” (Ps. 12:6-7).

2. That God in fact did not preserve His inspired words.

Contra “But he answered and said, *It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*” (Mt. 4:4).

3. That man’s responsibility is not to receive by faith the Lord’s preserved words, since they are in fact “not preserved,” but “to restore or reconstruct” the non-preserved words of God to a close approximation of the originals. How one would know when and where the non-preserved words are finally “restored” is not known nor should be asked.

Contra “He that *rejecteth me*, and *receiveth not my words*, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day” (Jn. 12:48).

4. That “Christian” scholars are to do this restoration or reconstruction process by using the principles of secular Textual Criticism, which include using the “oldest and best manuscripts” and the “hardest” readings, which must be closer to the originals and therefore more pristine, since early, pious scribes always improved the manuscripts by changes and/or additions.

Contra “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, *ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe*” (I Thes. 2:13).

5. That the Holy Spirit is not involved in

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revealing the words of Scripture, but instead the practice of Textual Criticism is the means that the best of Christian scholarship may employ to determine the right readings in manuscript evidence.

Contra "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as **the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him**" (I Jn. 2:27).

6. That Christian scholars may trust the textual research and interpretation of theological infidels and liberals since they are unbiased critical scholars.

Contra "But unto the wicked God saith, **What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee**" (Ps. 50:16-17).

7. That NT church members should not expect to hear the voice of the Lord regarding His words since He works exclusively through Textual Critics and secular Textual Criticism.

Contra "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (Jn. 10:29).

8. That this process of restoration will continue as long as archaeologists continue to discover ancient manuscripts for Textual Critical scholars to continue to apply their secular principles.

Contra "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book**" (Rev. 22:18-19).

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9. That all manuscripts are "good" and therefore must be considered in the manuscript pool, even though there are many doctrines affected in their voluminous differences.

Contra "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, **Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?**" (Gen. 3:1).

10. That these manuscripts are "good" because there was no known conspiracy to change the text of Scripture.

Contra "And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are **unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction**" (II Pet. 3:15-16).

11. That para-church organizations and pseudo-church groups have the exclusive privilege to be the primary agencies involved in determining textual readings and changes.

Contra "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, **the pillar and ground of the truth**" (I Tim. 3:15)

12. That the Lord's churches and pastors have little or no stewardship responsibility in bibliology, including receiving, recognizing, preserving and defending of the Scriptures, which are not preserved anyway. All responsibility and authority is left to the Textual Critics.

Contra "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" (Rev. 2:6).

13. That Christians should expect to have the underlying Greek and Hebrew texts in an unstable and evolving form which will bring uncertainty and questioning to believers through the corresponding

translations; but this is normative.

Contra "Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?" (Ps. 22:20-21).

It should be apparent that the Critical Text Alternative to the TR is neither predicted in Scripture as a viable option nor is based on any biblical principles. Therefore, it must be rejected as humanistic and diabolical, the subtle product of "the doctrines of devils" (I Tim. 4:1). It is a Gnostic-laced text fabricated and perpetuated by Bible critics and favored by cultists and theological liberalism. Its fruit is doubt and carnality within professing Christianity.

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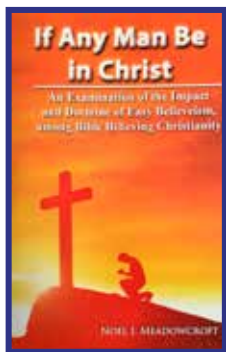
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Dr. Caswell A. Reeves

Titus 1 7: "For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;"

In the previous verse, Paul shared with Titus some consideration that would qualify a man to be an elder: 1) he is to be blameless, 2) the husband of one wife, and 3) the father of faithful children. Many times there is confusion regarding the position of elder, bishop, and pastor. Many believe these are different positions; however, the Scripture teaches something different.

The word "bishop" is one of three words in the New Testament that is used for the office of the church pastor. These three words depict or describe different aspects of the office of the pastor. First, is the word (presbyteros), translated "elder", which speaks of one who "presides over," a president or moderator; also, one who holds the respect of others. Secondly, is the word (episkopos), translated "bishop," which speaks of one who "oversees," as a manager or superintends over a work. It is a compound Greek word consisting of the preposition (epi) meaning "over, above" and (skopos) meaning "to watch, to peer at, and to mark." The English word scope comes from this word. Thirdly, is the word (poimēn), translated "pastor," which is used for one who is "a shepherd" that watches over and feeds a flock of sheep. It is used figuratively of the man who watches over the flock of God or the congregation of a church. In Acts 20:17 and 28, it is easy to see the use of these three words as the apostle Paul calls the elders of Ephesus together and speaks to them.

"And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church."

He then spoke to them, saying:

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Note the phrases: "He ... called the elders of the church." And as he spoke, said, "Take heed ... unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers." All three Greek words are used in these two phrases, which speaks of the same position. Its clear that the Scripture teaches that these words: elder, bishop and pastor are speaking of the same position and not separate positions as taught in Catholic and Protestant circles.

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Quotes From the Past:

James Monroe

5th President of the USA

1758-1831



James Monroe

"National honor is the national property of the highest value."

Tantrums and Excuses

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

Reflection: Have you ever been around a child that is whining? Can you recognize your child whining when you hear it? Do you begin to argue with your child? Make excuses for their behaviour? Your child may begin to cry, talk back, and tantrum. This is one of the most challenging moments for a parent!!

Don't give in. Once you give in you have lost ground and it will only make it harder next time. Instead take the time to ask the child to state their request again without whining and with respect. Don't argue with them but instead if they continue, discipline may be needed.

Children will do what they are allowed to do and what is tolerated. Have you ever noticed children acting differently depending on whom they are with? Why does this happen? If your child whines it is because it has worked for them. If a parent does not address behaviors that are not desirable, in many cases, these behaviors will not only continue but will worsen through the years.

Respecting parents should be taught at

a young age. Parenting is a very hard job and it is often easier to give in to a child's demands than it is to put tireless effort into standing firm and elevating the standard of expectation. Remember that more effort **NOW** will pay off **LATER**.

Proverbs 29:17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

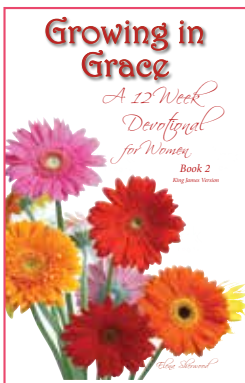
Proverbs 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left [to himself] bringeth his mother to shame.

Challenge: Today when you hear your child whine and complain how will you handle it differently? Remind your child to be thankful and teach them this verse using it when appropriate and **remember to encourage them** when they are obedient and respectful.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

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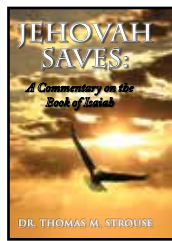
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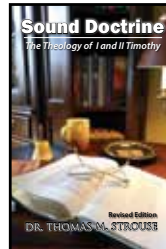
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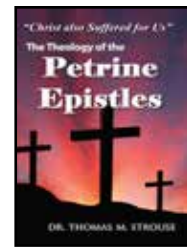
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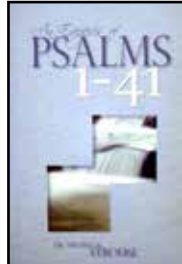
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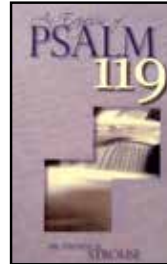
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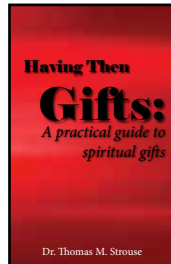
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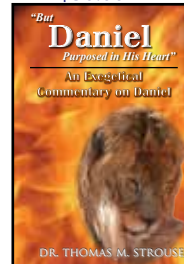
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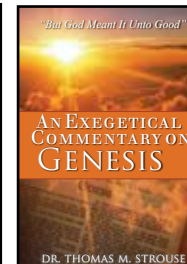
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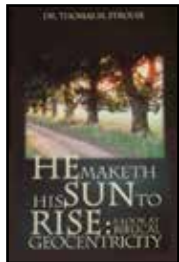
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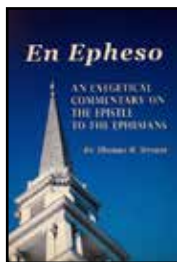
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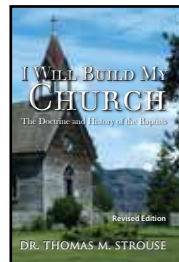
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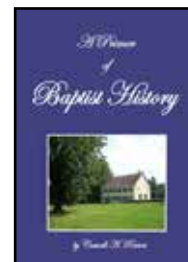
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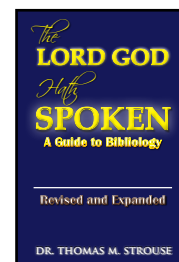
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