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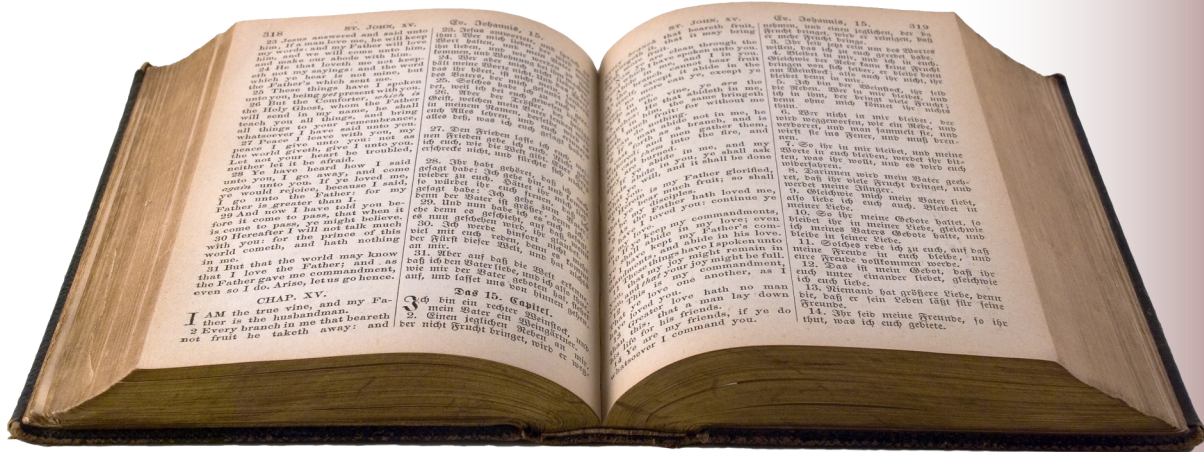
WHAT BIBLE TEXT DID THE LORD EXPECT BELIEVERS TO ANTICIPATE HAVING?



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Today, there is a plethora of English Bibles claiming to be the latest improved Bible translation based on the best scholarly research. The *ASV* (1901) claimed to be the equivalent alternative to the *KJV* until the *RSV* (1952) came (and went because of heresy). Later, in 1971 the *NASV* claimed to be the conservative replacement for the *KJV* until the dynamic equivalent *NIV* (1973)

appeared. Since then a flurry of translations have appeared, such as the *NKJV* (1982), the *NLT* (1996), the *ESV* (2001), the *MSG* (2002), the *NET* (2004), the *CSB* (2017), and now the *Legacy Standard Bible* (2021). In the New Testament, two different Greek texts are foundational to the versions, namely the *Textus Receptus* (TR) or Received Text and the *Textus Criticus* or Critical Text (CT). The former is the foundational text for the *KJV* and *NKJV*, and the latter is the foundational text for all of the other modern texts. Basically, there are two different English versions, the *TR/KJV* text and the *CT/Modern Versions* text. Does it really matter which translation is used?



YES! The CT/Modern Versions text is shorter and different by about 7% than the *TR/KJV* text. These differences include the omission of or questioning about such passages as Mk. 16:9-21, Jn. 7:53-8:11, Acts 8:37, and I Jn. 5:7-8. As well, the CT/Modern Versions text are laced with a multitude of Gnostic readings such as “only begotten God” (Jn. 1:18); “he was manifest in the flesh” (I Tim. 3:16), and the omission of the full title of the Lord Jesus Christ in scores of places. Those who

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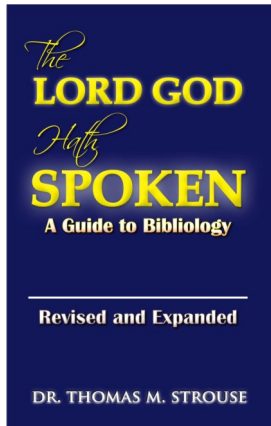
rejected the Lord's promises of inspired and preserved perfect "words" that require mankind to live by every word of Scripture foisted these changes upon TR/KJV text. Instead, men such as the apostates Westcott and Hort postulated that scientific text criticism principles should be employed to restore or recover the Greek text that God purposefully did not promise and indeed did not preserve. Their ilk have argued that God promised to preserve His "word" (concepts) but not His "words" and have rejected the promise of the preservation of His "words" (i.e., Ps. 12:6-7 and Mt. 24:35). Essentially, the CT/Modern Versions text is based on the rejection of God's promises and the reception of Man's scholarship!

Contrary-wise, the Received Text (so-named in 1633) found promise in Scripture on the wording and practice of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who said to the Father, "*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). Repentant sinners began a trail of receiving by faith the promised words of the Lord. This might be called the "Received Bible Movement." Some examples include the following: the saved Jews at Pentecost ("*Then they that gladly **received his word** were baptized*" [Acts 2:41]), the saved Samaritans ("*that Samaria had **received the word of God***" [Acts 8:14]), the saved Gentiles ("*the Gentiles had also **received the word of God***" [Acts 11:1]), and the saved Bereans ("*they **received the word** with all readiness of mind, and searched the **scriptures** daily*" [Acts 17:11]), as well as the saved Thessalonians ("*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***" [I Thes. 2:13]). In all of these instances, the reception of the words of God occurred with reference to His pillar and ground of the truth—the Baptist assembly (I Tim. 3:15). It is only within the immersionist assembly that the full and precise wording of Scripture is available, since assembly members "*know all things*" (I Jn. 2:20) because the indwelling Author of Scripture teaches the assembly members His "*all things*" including words (I Jn. 2:27), as they hear the voice of the Lord (Jn. 10:27).

The scholars, advocates, and users of the CT/Modern Versions text must by design or by default reject that the LORD promised to preserve His words in Heaven (Ps. 119:89), and that He gave these preserved words to His people (Amos 1:1, Mic. 1:1, Rev. 1:1) for every generation (Ps. 12:6-7; 119:160; Mt. 24:35) so all of mankind could live by them (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) in order to give answer to the Lord at the judgment (Jn. 12:48; Rom. 14:12; Rev. 20:12). In the end, the CT/Modern Version text, which is the so-called restored/recovered text of NT Scripture since God did not promise and did not preserve the NT words, cannot possibly be the

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Greek text believers should scripturally anticipate as from the Lord. The obvious alternative is the text based on scriptural promises and received by faith through the centuries and is therefore the Received Text behind the *KJV*. Otherwise, we have no certain NT text of Scripture and will eventually turn to agnosticism!

Preserved Scripture or Pompous Scholarship—where should I place my faith?

For further study on this vital subject, see *The Lord GOD Hath Spoken. A Guide to Bibliology* by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse.

BBTS 2023 SPRING LECTURE SERIES

WHEN: APRIL 21, 2023

TIME: 9AM—3PM

WHAT: “SPECIAL STUDIES IN THE JOHANNINE EPISTLES”

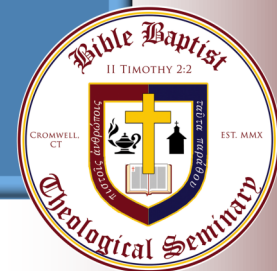
WHERE: GALILEAN BAPTIST CHURCH
STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT

RSVP: MARCH 31, 2023

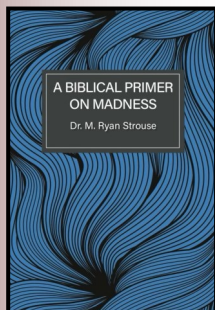
**LUNCHEON AND BOOK TABLE
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Some topics that will be addressed in the Special Studies in the Johannine Epistles:

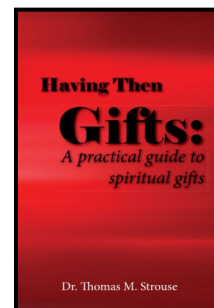
- *“The Gnostic Attack upon the Lord Jesus Christ”
 - *The Johannine Comma (I Jn. 5:7-8)
- *“When should corporate prayer not be offered?”
 - *“Gnostic Missionaries”
 - *“How to deal with an Unsaved Pastor”
 - *“How much Gnosticism is in Your Church?”



NEW BOOKS



Dr. M. Ryan Strouse's book "*A Biblical Primer on Madness*" is now available! This book is expanded material from the Fall 2022 Lecture Series. This is an excellent book to help pastors and Christian counselors navigate the realm of mental illness. The 403 page book can be purchased for \$20.00.



In addition, Dr. Thomas M. Strouse's book "*Having then Gifts: A Practical Guide to Spiritual Gifts*" reprint is also available. Both of these books will be available for purchase at the upcoming lecture series.

MERIDEN BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Darrell Nelson

Pastor and Mrs. Darrell Nelson are having a regular Bible Study under the auspices of Bible Baptist Church of Cromwell, CT in their home. Pastor Nelson deals with pertinent subjects on every other Saturday afternoon. Currently he is teaching on ecclesiology or the doctrine of the church. He usually has about seven attendees and three following on Zoom. If interested, Pastor Nelson may be reached for details at 860-922-4359.

BBC/BBTS 2023/2024 SCHEDULE

April 21

BBTS Spring Lecture Series

Special Studies in the Johannine Epistles
Galilean Baptist Church
Stafford Springs, CT

May 22-26

Ireland Module

Gospel of Luke and Medical Language
Acts 1-9

June 5-9

Community Baptist Church

Coopersburg, PA
Book of Hebrews

July 24-28

Calvary Independent Baptist Church

Plymouth, NH
The Johannine Epistles

September 25-29

Bible Baptist Church

Nashua, NH
Book of Hebrews

October 22-25

Willow Grove Baptist Church

Waynesburg, PA
Timeless Truths Bible Conference

October 28-29

Calvary Baptist Church
Mannington, WV
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January 1-5, 2024

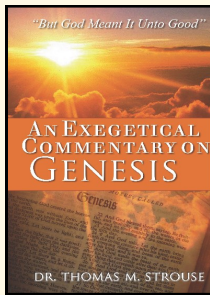
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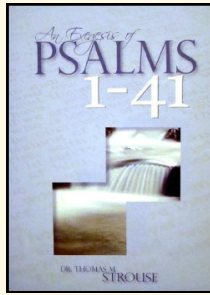
January 15-19, 2024

Fairhaven Baptist College
Chesterton, IN
Module TBA

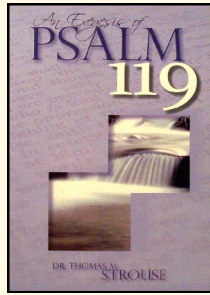
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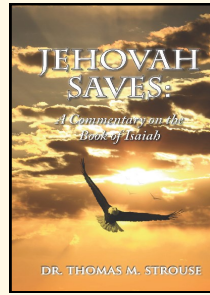
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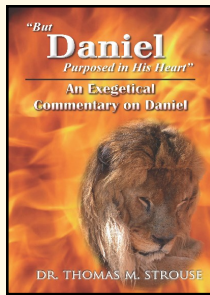
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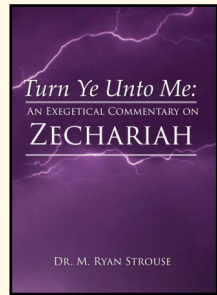
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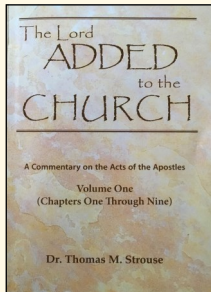
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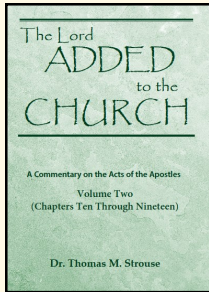
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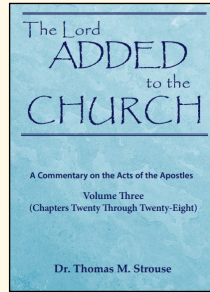
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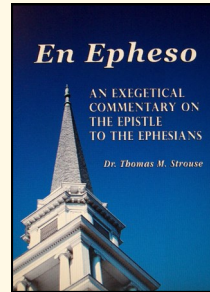
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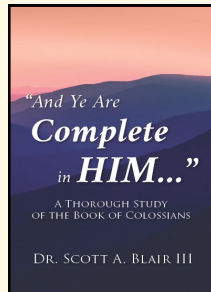
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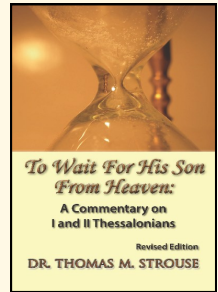
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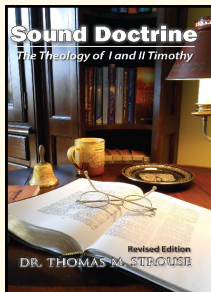
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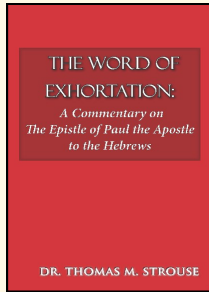
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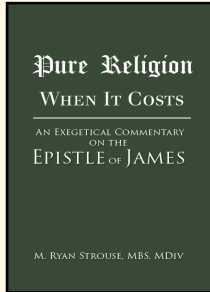
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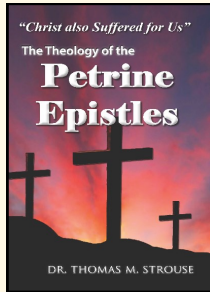
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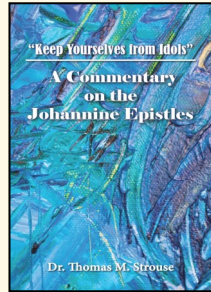
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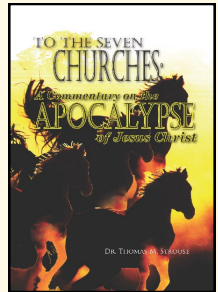
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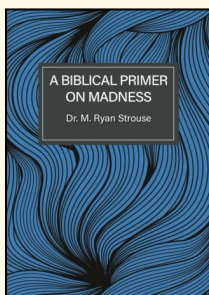
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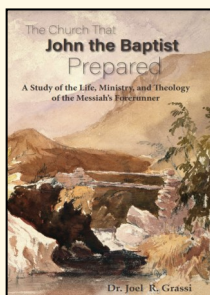
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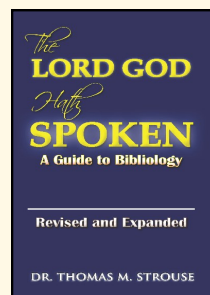
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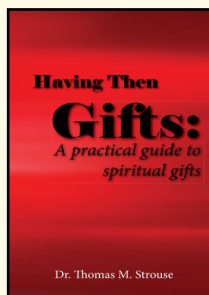
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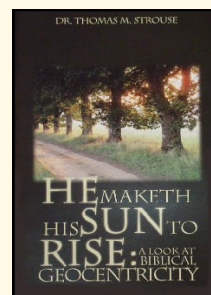
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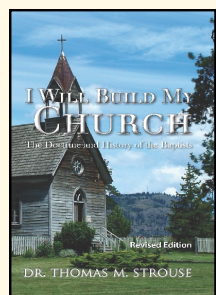
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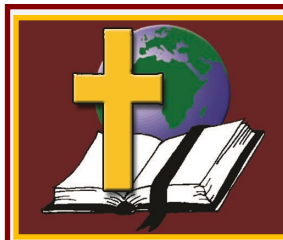
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