

# BBC UPDATE

## BBC News

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor



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We are thankful that our church ministry web site ([www.BBC-Cromwell.org](http://www.BBC-Cromwell.org)) is in the process of construction and will soon be completed. It will give basic information about BBC and BBTS with biblical sermons and theological articles for the evangelism of sinners and the edification of the saints.

The congregation voted on and approved our 2010-2011 budget which was built upon our first six months of revenue/expenses. We anticipate a healthy financial picture with the anticipated budget in the black with excess. It is the Lord Who is sustaining this ministry.

Plans are being laid for the first VBS on **Aug. 2-4, 2010** from **9 AM to Noon** for **K-6 children**. Many members are actively involved with the planning and praying needful for such an undertaking.

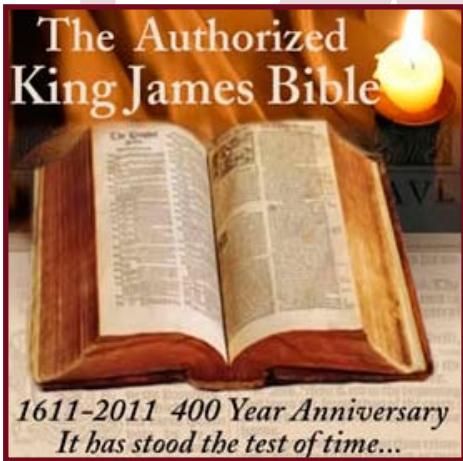
## Sermon

### "Why we use the KJV at BBC"

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#### Introduction

With the 400th birthday of the KJV coming next year (2011), one must ask why its longevity. Here are several biblical reasons for continuing to use the KJV in English rather than the weak Modern Versions which are built upon the fallible LXX and Vulgate in the OT, and the Gnostic-laced Greek texts of the NT.



several biblical reasons for continuing to use the KJV in English rather than the weak Modern Versions which are built upon the fallible LXX and Vulgate in the OT, and the Gnostic-laced Greek texts of

the NT. Bible Baptist Church and Bible Baptist Theological Seminary is committed to the perpetual use of the KJV and its underlying Texts.

#### I. The Bible predicts the perfect preservation of God's Words

A. "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).

B. "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth **for ever**" (Ps. 119:160).

C. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall **not pass away**" (Mt. 24:35").

#### II. The Bible predicts that believers will receive God's Words by faith.

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).

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## BBTS News

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The next summer modules are approaching with Romans in Plymouth, New Hampshire, with Dr. Chet Kulus (2005 alumnus), and Baptist History in New Jersey with Pastor Jeremy Rice (2010 alumnus). The Fall Semester will be posted shortly on our web site as well as in the next Update.



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Sunday School at BBC!



Above : Adult Sunday School Congregational Singing!

Left: Children's Sunday School Singing!

Below: BBC's Men's Quartet!



The Kellogg's enjoy "Lunch on the Grounds"!



## Seminary Picnic!

The BBTS picnic is tentatively planned for **Sept. 6, 2010** at the Strouse house for all BBC members, BBTS graduates, and friends of BBTS. Please make plans to attend!



## Herbert Hoover, 1874-1964

31st President of the United States



*"When there is a lack of honor in government, the morals of the whole people are poisoned."*

*"Words without actions are the assassins of idealism."*

*"It is just as important that business keep out of government as that government keep out of business"*

# NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE

by Pastor Cas Reeves

*"For with God nothing shall be impossible"*

**Luke 1:37**

As the angel Gabriel spoke with Mary informing her of the upcoming conception in her virgin body of the Lord Jesus Christ, Mary said, *"How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"* (Luke 1:34). The angel Gabriel shares with her how and gives her an example in progress, the pregnancy of her cousin Elisabeth (Luke 1:35-36). Gabriel then shares with Mary, *"For with God nothing shall be impossible"* (Luke 1:37).

A look at Mary reveals she was no different than we are at times. She was *"troubled"* at the saying of Gabriel (Luke 1:29). The idea the word *"trouble"* conveys is *"alarmed"* or *"distressed."* How many times do we find ourselves in a similar situation that is troubling to us? Mary was also filled with thoughts of what all this meant. She *"cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be"* (v.29). Again, how many times do we find ourselves in a quandary of thought because of something we don't quite understand, an uncertain situation.

Mary was no super woman, she was as normal as we are. In Gabriel's words, we learn Mary was also afraid.

# DEVOTIONAL CORNER

And what mortal being wouldn't be afraid in a similar circumstance. Gabriel said unto her, *"Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God"* (Luke 1:31). What loving kindness we see the LORD express toward Mary through Gabriel. Put another way, we might understand that God assured Mary, that all was well. *"Thou hast found favor with God."*

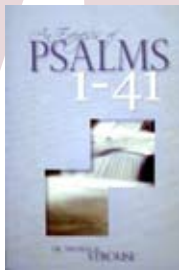
There are similar times in our lives when we find ourselves troubled, with mixed thoughts and emotions and very fearful over an uncertain situation. Three things we should learn from Mary's encounter. First, God loves us; Second, God knows our fears; And third, God comforts us with His assuring word. God's word assures us of His help. *"Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved"* (Psalm 55:22). And though at times things seem impossible to us, we are assured of help, *"Is any thing too hard for the LORD?"* (Genesis 18:14). -CAR

## The Book Corner

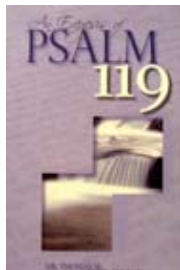
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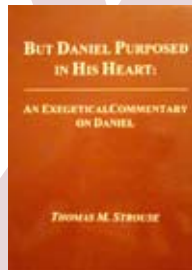
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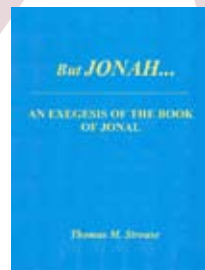
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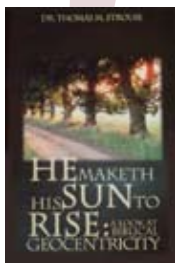
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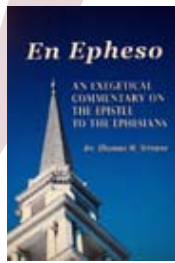
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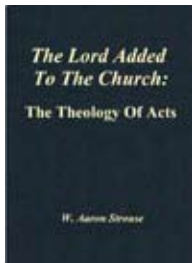
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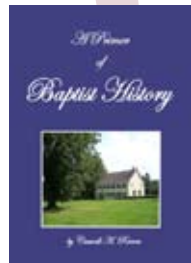
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# SERMON

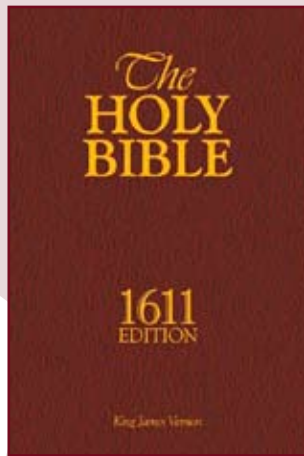
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B. “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye **received** the word of God, which ye heard of us, ye **received** it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe” (I Thes. 2:13; cf. also Acts 2:41; 8:14; 11:1; 17:11).

### III. The Bible predicts that the Lord’s churches will recognize His Canon and Text of Scripture.

- A. “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual” (I Cor. 2:13).
- B. “And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea” (Col. 4:16).

### IV. The Bible predicts that unbelievers will tamper with the Words of God.

- A. “Ye shall **not add** unto the word which I command you, **neither** shall ye **diminish** aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you” (Dt. 4:2).

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. “...If any man shall **add** unto these things...And if 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” (Rev. 22:).

### V. The manifestation of these biblical predications evince in the Received texts and corresponding translations of the Bible.

- A. The Hebrew Masoretic Text of the Old Testament contains the jots and tittles as Christ predicted (Mt. 5:18).
- B. The Greek text behind the KJV is “the text received by all,” the *Textus Receptus*.
- C. The KJV fits the biblical predictions for translational approach (word for word [Ezr. 8:14]) and for biblical text (“Received Text”).

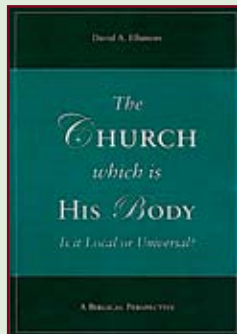
### VI. Modern Versions omit about 7% of the TR and diminish all doctrines, including the person and work of Jesus Christ.

- A. His Person (cf. omissions in Modern Versions with respect to these verses: Jn. 1:18; Acts 20:28; I Tim. 3:16; I Jn. 5:7; *et al*).
- B. His Work (cf. omissions with respect to these verses: Mk. 16:9-20; Jn. 11:53-8:11; Col. 1:14; Heb. 1:3; *et al*)

### Conclusion

We reject all Modern Versions, such as the ESV, NIV, NAS, RSV, TEV, etc., as inferior to the KJV in accuracy, clarity, and Christology.

### The Church Which Is His Body: Is it Local or Universal



Copies of Pastor David Ellsmore’s book, *The Church Which Is His Body*, may be obtained by contacting him directly at [dellsmore@aol.com](mailto:dellsmore@aol.com).

### Remaining BBTS Summer 2010 Module Schedule

July 19 - 23 Romans Plymouth, NH

August 2-6 Baptist History Northfield, NJ

All courses taught by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

# "PAUL'S THREE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS"

# SERMON OUTLINE

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## I. The Call of the Men (Paul/Barnabas)—Acts 13-14

- A. From the Lord (Acts 13:2, 4)
- B. Through the Church (Acts 13:1, 3)
- C. To the People (Acts 13:4-14:1-28)
  1. Elymas of Cyprus (unsaved with demons > battle between Christ and the Devil)—vv. 13:4-12.
  2. Synagogue at Antioch (religious but lost)—vv. 13-37.
  3. The Gospel of Christ stirred up the Jews (pagans and religious need forgiveness of sins)—vv. 38-52.
  4. Opposition at Iconium (Devil hates truth)—vv. 14:1-7.
  5. Healing of little boy at Lystra (Christ loves little children)—vv. 14:8-18.
  6. Stoning at Lystra (Lord raised Paul from dead)—vv. 19-20.
  7. Reported about the churches they planted (the Great Commission)—vv. 21-28.

## II. The Churches of Macedonia (Acts 16-18:21)

- A. The Church at Phillipi (Acts 16)
  1. Lydia (v. 14)
  2. Demon possessed girl (vv. 16-18)
  3. Jailer (vv. 25-36)
- B. The Church at Thessalonica (Acts 17:1-15)
  1. Jason (vv. 6-9)
  2. Men and Women (v. 4)
- C. The Ministry at Athens (Acts 17:16-34)
  1. Gospel Preached (vv. 23-31)
  2. Many saved, but no church (vv. 32-34)

## D. The Church at Corinth (Acts 18:1-17)

1. Crispus (v. 8)
2. Sosthenes (v. 17)

## E. The Ephesian Church (Acts 18:18-21)

1. Aquila and Priscilla (v. 18)
2. Apollos (vv. 24-28)

## III. The Confirmation of the Ministry (Acts 18:22-21:15)

- A. Paul's defense of Truth at Ephesus (Acts 19:1-41)
  1. Rebuking unsaved "Baptists" (vv. 1-7)
  2. Teaching grounded Baptists (vv. 8-12)
  3. Defending biblical Baptists (vv. 13-41)
- B. Paul's declaration of Truth at Troas and Ephesus (vv. 20:1-38)
- C. Paul's determination to Go to Jerusalem (vv. 21:1-15)

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