



BBC UPDATE



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“KJV” BAD!

INTRODUCTION

Recently, in American politics the mantra “Orange Man Bad” circulated through the public arena and seemed to catch on among the younger and generally politically naïve. Why is “Orange Man Bad”? Who knows? Everyone is saying it (primarily the media), and so it must be true! Who knows and who cares? “Orange Man Bad”! In a far more important and spiritually impactful arena, the mantra “*KJV* BAD” has surfaced among the spiritual neophytes of recent Bible college graduates, of former disgruntled fundamentalists, and of pretentious “scholars” of the Bible within and without New Testament assemblies. Why is “*KJV* BAD”? Who knows and who cares? It must be true that “*KJV* BAD” because after all, everyone says it is bad! Therefore, in making the exclamatory claim “*KJV* BAD,” the neophytes cause immediate shame and guilt to fall on the recipients of the condemnation “*KJV* BAD!” Has anyone making this claim given biblical reasons for the gnomic expression “*KJV* BAD”? Is there any godly or theological merit in shaming, ridiculing, and even excoriating those devout believers who desire to use the *KJV* in personal and corporate study and worship?

Who knows and who cares?

EXAMINATION OF “*KJV* BAD”

Is the “*KJV* BAD” because it declares the Christological truth of the eternal Sonship of the Lord Jesus, saying, “*No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him*” (Jn. 1:18)? Whereas the verb “to beget” and adjective “*only begotten*” always refer to the father-son relationship throughout Scripture (cf. Gen. 5:3 ff.). However, the *NASV* promotes the Arian heresy that Jesus is a “begotten god,” saying, “No man has seen God at any time; the **only begotten God**, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.” The neophyte darling *ESV* fares no better, rendering with translational gobbledygook the elimination of the Son, “*No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*”

Who knows and who cares?

“KJV” BAD

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Is the “*KJV* BAD” because it declares the great truth of the incarnation of God in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, saying, “*And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God** was manifest in the flesh...*” (I Tim. 3:16)? The “great and mighty” *ESV* posits the Gnostic rendering of the denial the incarnation, reading, “Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: **He** was manifested in the flesh.” How about the former darling *NIV*: “Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: **He** appeared in a body...” The *NASV* had to straighten the English grammar of their ungrammatical Greek text with the following, “And by common confession great is the mystery of godliness: **He who** was revealed in the flesh.” How profound! We are manifest in the flesh—that is no mystery!

Who knows and who cares?

Is the “*KJV* BAD” because it gives the clearest theological statement in all of the Bible about the Trinity, saying, “*For there are three that bear record in heaven, the **Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one***” (I Jn. 5:7). The Gnostic-laced Greek Critical Text behind all modern versions rejects the inspired Trinitarian formula, such as the *NET*: “For there are three that testify” (I Jn. 5:7); and the *ESV*: “For there are three that testify” (I Jn. 5:7); and the *NASV*: “And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth” (I Jn. 5:7); and the *NIV*: “For there are three that testify” (I Jn. 5:7); and the *RSV*: “And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth” (I Jn. 5:7). Not one of the modern versions built upon the Critical Text has the inspired Trinitarian passage.

Who knows and who cares?

Is the “*KJV* BAD” because it has the full New Testament Greek Text (Received Text) whereas the modern versions such as the *ESV*, *NASV*, *NET*, *NIV*, *et al*, have omitted or changed about 7% of the Greek Critical Text? It may be easily demonstrated that the Critical Text behind the modern darlings of new translations is Gnostic-laced because it omits key passages defending the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Who knows and who cares?

Is the “*KJV* BAD” because it is built upon the scriptural promises of God to preserve His inspired words perfect for excellent translations in all languages (Pss. 12:6-7; 119:152; Prov. 30:5-6; Mt. 24:35)? The editors of the Critical Text have maintained that the Lord never promised the preservation of His words and in fact did not preserve them, but He expects the gurus of textual criticism to restore and reconstruct (*sic*) what the Lord purposefully did not preserve!

Who knows and who cares?



BBTS SPRING SEMESTER 2024 COURSES



On Monday nights, Dr. M. Ryan Strouse will teach the class on the OT Prophet *Micah* (OT 704), from 6-9 PM. The class will have a thorough syllabus and required textbook.

On Thursday nights, Dr. Thomas Strouse will teach introductory and advanced *Biblical Greek* (BL 612), from 6-9 PM. Students will have selective passages to exegete, using the inductive approach to teaching Greek

The courses cost \$300.00 each for 3 credits and \$75.00 for audit. The courses began on the week of January 22, 2024.

It's not too late to register for classes!

SEVERAL HELPFUL BOOKS ON CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

Several books on pre-suppositional apologetics are available for Christians in defense of the biblical faith. Dr. Andrew Knight has written *Transformational Truth. A Biblical Apologetic*, Volumes 1 and 2, as well as *Knight's Notes. The Apologetics of Isaiah*, Part One and Part Two. They are biblical and will help the believer to develop a biblical Word View and then defend it. They may be obtained at www.andrewknightsbooks.com.

BIBLE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 2024 GRADUATION



For the fifteenth year of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary, seven candidates are anticipating the commencement service on May 19, 2024. The commencement speaker will be Dr. Jed Raquintan, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Quezon City, Philippines.

BBC EXTRAS



Sabrina snaps a photo of a recent Sunday School Class



Serving the Lord together on a recent Wednesday night.

*“As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him. For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?”
II Samuel 22:31-32*

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SCHEDULE

BBC/BBTS 2024 SCHEDULE

BBTS 2024 Spring Semester

January 23-May 7
BBC Cromwell
Mondays
BBTS Micah
(OT 704)

January 25-May 9
BBC Cromwell
Thursdays
BBTS Biblical Greek
(BL612)

February 26-March 1
Philippines Module
Quezon City
Johannine Epistles

April 12
BBTS Spring Lecture
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Bible Baptist Church
Graduation Banquet

May 19
Bible Baptist Church
Commencement Service

May 27-31
Ireland Module
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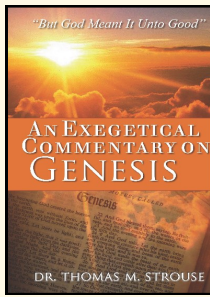
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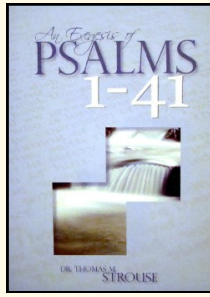
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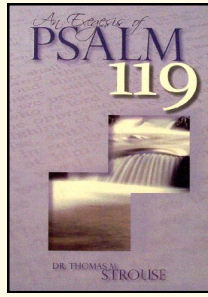
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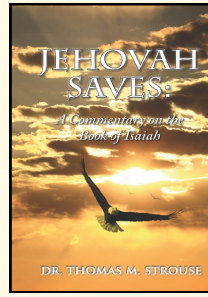
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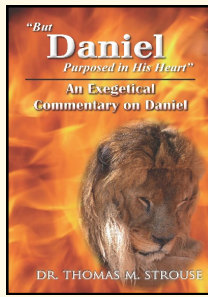
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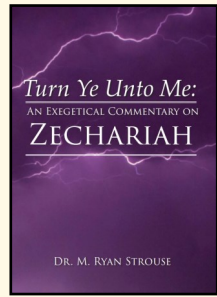
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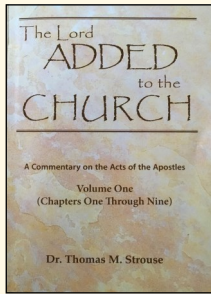
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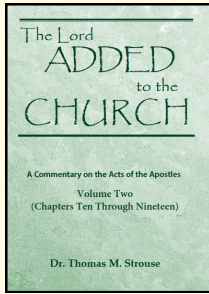
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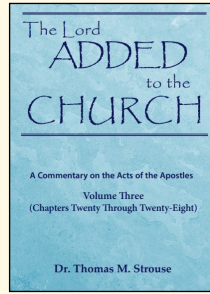
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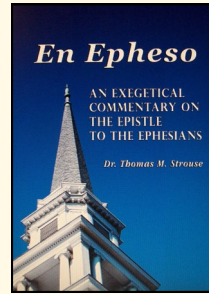
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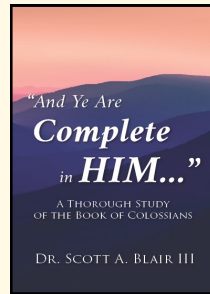
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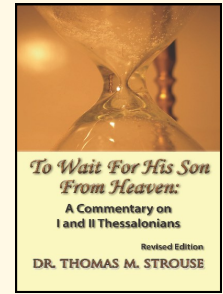
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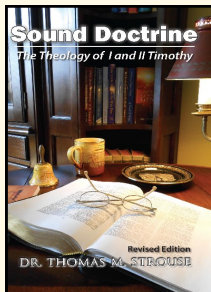
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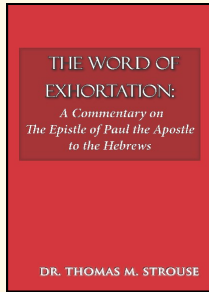
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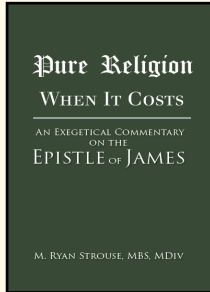
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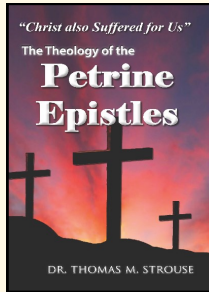
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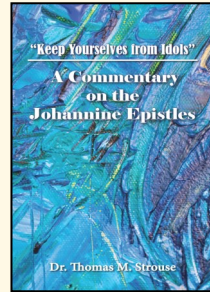
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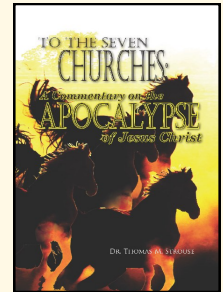
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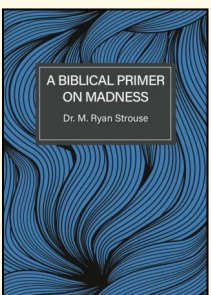
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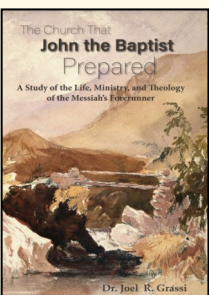
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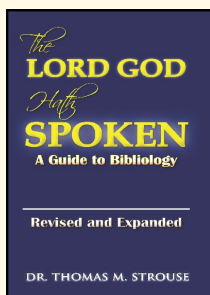
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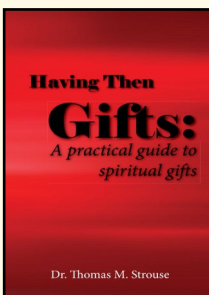
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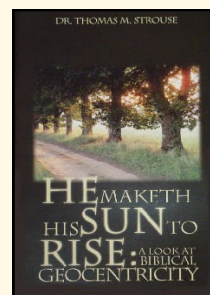
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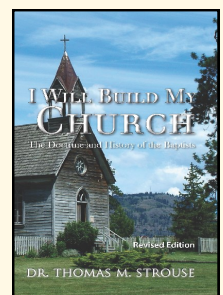
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