

**TAKING A CRITICAL LOOK AT THE CRITICAL TEXT**  
**Part One: April 13, 2022**

**Contemporary Christianity**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity
- **Conformed Christianity**
- **Consumer Christianity**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity
  - “A cooperative effort between professing Christians and unbelievers, joined in an unequal \_\_\_\_\_, to serve both God and \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Every Word Is Important**

- **Proverbs 30:5-6:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Matt. 5:18:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Matt. 4:4:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Revelation 22:18-19:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Modern Bible Versions**

- **Two Significant Problems:**
  - Nearly all are based on a corrupt \_\_\_\_\_ text that did not exist until the late 1800's.
    - The Textual Issue:

	<b>Received Text</b>	<b>Critical Text</b>
<b>Other Names</b>	_____, majority, Textus Receptus	_____, eclectic, Wescott-Hort, Nestle- Aland
<b>Primary Origin</b>	Asia Minor (Byzantine)	_____ (Alexandrian)
<b>Number</b>	_____ (thousands)	Relatively few (2 primary)
<b>Availability</b>	“_____” down through centuries	Largely forgotten and only recently discovered

- Verses \_\_\_\_\_, bracketed, removed to footnotes, or outright missing from modern versions:
  - Mark 16:9-20
  - John 7:53-8:11
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 8:37
  - 1 John 5:7b-8a

- And much more!...

Verses Omitted		
Matt. 18:11	Matt. 23:14	Mark 7:16
Mark 9:44	Mark 9:46	Mark 11:26
Mark 15:28	Luke 17:36	Luke 23:17
John 5:4	Acts 15:34	Acts 24:7
Acts 28:29	Romans 16:24	Plus hundreds of phrases, words
Doctrinal Corruptions		
John 7:8 (delete "yet")	Was Jesus a _____?	
Matt. 1:25 (delete "firstborn")	Did Mary have other _____?	
1 Tim. 3:16 ("God" to "who")	Was God revealed in the _____?	

- Many take excessive liberties with the precise words of Scripture to appeal to modern readers. Issues for consideration:
  - Translation \_\_\_\_\_
    - Three approaches:
      - Word-for-word
        - Or "\_\_\_\_\_ equivalency"
      - Thought-for-thought
        - Or "dynamic equivalency"
      - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_ teaching
      - 2 Timothy 3:16 (ASV): *"Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work."*
      - Isaiah 7:14 (RSV): *"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a \_\_\_\_\_ shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanu-el."*
    - \_\_\_\_\_ language
      - Psalm 1:1 (The \_\_\_\_\_): *"How well God must like you— you don't hang out at Sin Saloon, you don't slink along Dead-End Road, you don't go to Smart-Mouth College."*
    - \_\_\_\_\_-neutral language
      - NRSV was the \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Others include CEV, NCV, NLT, NIVI, TNIV.
      - Most recent and popular is the 2011 NIV (remake of TNIV).

- Examples:
  - Matthew 18:15 (NRSV): *"If another \_\_\_\_\_ of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one."*
  - Psalm 19:11-12 (NRSV): *"Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect \_\_\_\_\_ errors? Clear me from hidden faults."*
- Other changes based on political \_\_\_\_\_ or compromise
  - Jeremiah 51:34 (NKJV):s *"Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon Has devoured me, he has crushed me; He has made me an empty vessel, He has swallowed me up like a \_\_\_\_\_; He has filled his stomach with my delicacies, He has spit me out."*
  - 1 Timothy 2:12 (NIV2011): *"I do not permit a woman to teach or to \_\_\_\_\_ authority over a man; she must be quiet."*