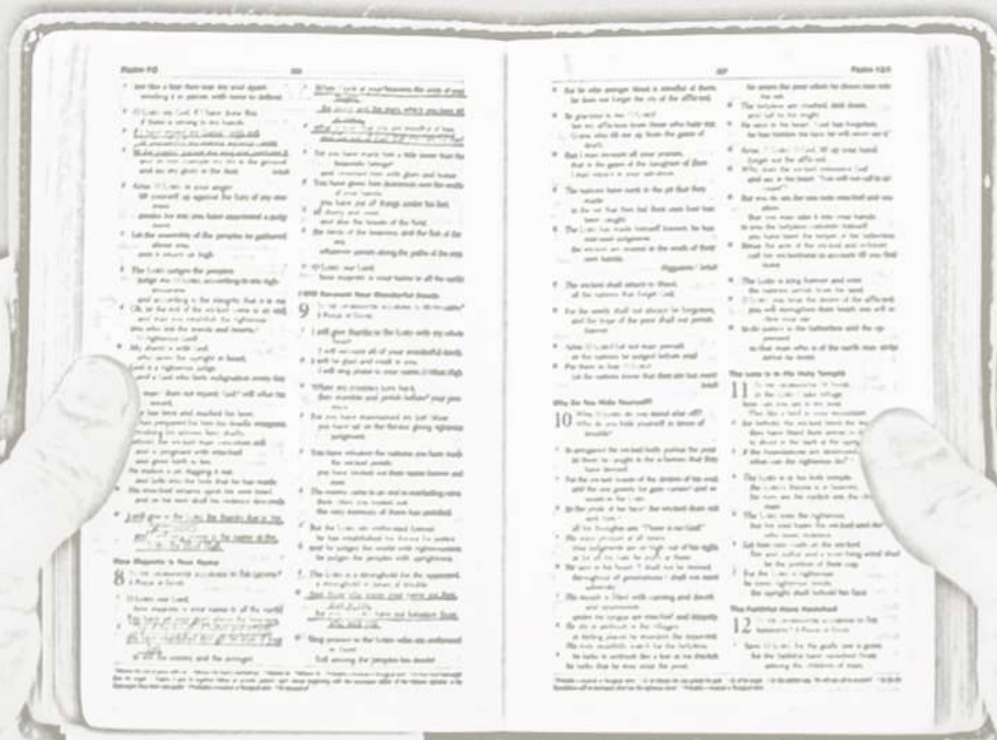


Me and My “PERVERTED” NIV

A Biblical and Compelling Personal Defense of
the NIV Bible against the KJV ONLY “Defenders”



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A Point for Point Biblical Defense of the NIV Bible against the *KJV ONLY* “Defenders”

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All words in this document, **not** inside of a box, come directly from Terry Watkins at the site url below, which contain the claims that the NIV is a perverted and deceptive version of the Bible, leading its readers dangerously astray. The words inside the boxes are my commentary and Biblical response, including a rather unique argument based on a specific teaching of Jesus Christ and a personal testimony which prove the KJV ONLY argument to be completely baseless. All NIV Scripture References are from the 1984 Edition of the NIV. *Please Note: **This is not an attack against the KJV Bible.** I also enjoy and use the KJV Bible in my cross-reference reading. I am attacking the outright lies and false statements made by those who believe the KJV Bible is the ONLY Bible a Christian can read. Perhaps if you had received as many emails about this as I have, you would better understand my aim.*

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Author’s Notes:

*“A man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still.” – Anonymous
(Nevertheless, I will still try – Michael Chriswell)*

I, Michael Chriswell, feel I am qualified to respond to this argument since I have been an avid and almost exclusive reader of the NIV Bible for the last 20 years.

The primary and serious accusations against the NIV Bible from the KJV “defenders” are as follows:

The NIV perverts the deity of Jesus Christ!
The NIV perverts the virgin birth!
The NIV removes the blood of Jesus Christ!
The NIV perverts John 3:16 into a LIE!
The NIV perverts TRUTH into LIES!
The NIV robs Jesus Christ of worship!
The NIV perverts Jesus Christ into Lucifer!
The NIV removes and perverts the place of hell!
The NIV perverts The Lord's Prayer into The Devil's Prayer!
The NIV completely "TAKETH AWAY" 17 verses!
The NIV "TAKETH AWAY" 64,576 words!

While I myself use and to some extent enjoy and appreciate the KJV as one of several supplemental versions to my own Bible study, and while I agree that the proper handling and understanding of the word of truth is critical (2 Tim 2:15, Tit 2:1), it is my assertion, after reviewing the arguments of the KJV “defenders”, that the legalistic and hypocritical spirit behind the Pharisees who defended the

Law of Moses, is the same spirit behind this argument as well. Nevertheless, we will diligently review their concerns point by point. I am concerned that those who do not yet fully know their Bible or God, are being led into confusion and doubt by these attacks on the faithfulness of the NIV Bible. I am confident you will be invigorated, challenged, informed, and ultimately blessed by reading this document, regardless of your current position or knowledge of the issue.

The "KJV ONLY defenders" say that people like me, who read and study the NIV Bible, are being deceived by the devil. Some even go so far as to say that we are a part of the apostate Church in Revelation. They reach back into history to say that 1611 was the year of the only true Bible and that many other versions have been born of the devil. In turn I say people that say things like *that*, are the ones being deceived by the devil. I suspect many of the "defenders" are sincere, but as you will see below, a sincere person can be sincerely wrong.

But, how can we know who is right...what is the *actual truth*?

Before we look at the point by point case against the NIV, by the KJV "defenders", let me share with you briefly an important principle to be aware of as we seek to find any *truth*.

Jesus knew that there would be countless arguments about God, truth, Scripture, law, grace, salvation, Holy Spirit, church history, false teaching, Bible versions, etc. He knew there would be people who would argue endlessly over words and never come to a knowledge of the truth. He also knew that historical accounts would not be good enough to know the truth in our day, and so He never taught that we would know the truth by historical account. There is a much better way!

The shortcomings of using history to find the truth

Think about it; no two people experience, much less interpret history the same way. Trying to find the truth about spiritual matters, by studying history, usually ends with endless arguments. History has always been subject to the evil motives of men and can rarely be used to prove the truth.

Just think of the differing "historical" accounts of the Holocaust, the current "State" of Israel, the United States Civil War, World War 2, 9/11, Benghazi, etc. No matter what your historical "facts" are on these things there is someone equally as studied and opinionated who has a completely different set of historical "facts" than you. You are absolutely convinced you are right, and guess what, so are they!

Another example is the Catholic Church, which tells a very different account of church history than the Reformers told. Or, what about Thomas Jefferson's written letters? They tell a dramatically different account of his "faith" and our so called national "Christian heritage" than today's defenders of that "Christian heritage" do. If you thought that our founding fathers were actual true Spirit filled and obedient followers of Jesus Christ, you would be absolutely shocked to read what Jefferson believed and what he **didn't believe** about Jesus and the Bible. You would be indignant to hear what he said about the disciples and about Paul. But, to prove my exact point, someone could easily say, "*But, how do you really know that those letters were written by Thomas Jefferson and not someone posing as Jefferson? Were you actually there when he wrote them?*" Do you see how long we could argue back and forth on these kinds of historical "facts"?

So then, how can we ever know the truth?

Thanks be to God! Jesus gave us a litmus test of sorts so that we could absolutely KNOW the truth. We may not be able to know all the historical facts, but we can absolutely know how God sees things in the present, if we are lovers of the truth. God loves His little children enough to protect us from error and deception. By applying the below principle of Christ, you can begin to almost instantly see if it is God or the devil behind anything, without ever having to know the historical "facts".

Jesus said that we can know every tree (person, relationship, leader, pastor, teacher, church, denomination, nation, government, organization, AND BIBLE) by its **fruit**. He did not say we can know them by their historical records, journals, associations, beliefs, knowledge, social status, the quality of their sermon, size of their following, economic status, age, or education, etc. Here is the principle.

"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him." - Mat 12:33-35 NIV

*"Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.**"* - Mat 7:17-20 NIV

There are specifically four types of fruit mentioned in the Bible (fruit of lips [Mat 12:34], fruit of righteousness [Phi 1:9], fruit of good works [Col 1:10], evangelical fruit [Phi 1:22]), but to stay on point, the primary meaning of *good* "fruit" is external evidence in your life that exemplifies the internal character and righteousness of Christ in your life (Eph 5:9). Good fruit is the visible evidence of God in your life. Bad fruit is the visible evidence of the devil in your life (1 John 3:8).

According to the KJV "defenders", the NIV was perverted under Satanic influence. So let's first examine his strategies as clearly listed in Scripture and then we will look at the implication of fruit, to test the success of his "deception" and "perversion" of the NIV. The devil's main strategies are:

1. deceive the whole world (Rev 12:9)
2. blind the eyes of unbelievers (2 Cor 4:4)
3. ensnare believers with lies and hypocrisy (Mat 23:13-15, 23, John 8:44, Acts 5:3)
4. lure believers into sin by temptation in the area of their desires (Mat 4:1)
5. take people captive to do his will (2 Tim 2:26)
6. put believers in bondage through anger or unforgiveness (2 Cor 2:9-10, Eph 4:26-27)
7. entice believers with the love of the world, money, pleasure (Jam 4:4-7)
8. lead believers astray with false teaching (2 Cor 11:13-15)
9. deceive those who don't love the truth with false miracles, signs, and wonders (2 Thes 2:9-10)
10. steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10, 1 Pet 5:8)

When the devil is successful in his attacks on a person, we can know he has been successful because there will be *bad fruit* on the person's "tree". **If God's will is to produce good fruit in our life, then Satan's will is to produce bad fruit in our life.** This makes sense to anyone that has thoroughly

read the Scriptures. But let's remember that bad fruit is not necessarily what happens to a person (circumstantially) but rather what comes out of the person's heart (beliefs, thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions). Yes, sometimes people are suffering the consequences of bad decisions, but bad circumstances are not always a sign of bad fruit. Many people right in God's will suffer bad circumstances.

Abraham, for example, was a godly man right in the center of God's will when he encountered a terrible famine (Gen 13). Job was upright and blameless before God, yet God allowed Satan to take everything from him for a time. The disciples were being perfectly obedient to Jesus when they encountered the very worst storm of their life (Mat 8:23-25). And Paul certainly did not do anything to deserve all that happens to him as described in 2 Cor 11:16-28. Oftentimes bad circumstances are simply a catalyst, or a revealer of the type of fruit that a person already has inside.

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him." - Mat 12:35

Bad fruit is what comes out of a person when they begin doing what is wrong, rather than what is right, irrespective of how much Bible knowledge or charisma they may have. We can then see clearly they are captive to the devil, rather than to God.

This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God.... - 1 Jn 3:10

If the KJV "defenders" are right about Satan perverting the NIV Bible, we can know with certainty, according to Mat 17:17-20, that no one who reads the NIV Bible could ever produce good fruit. They would never actually come to a true saving faith in Christ, never be filled with His Holy Spirit, never deny their self, and never gain victory over the flesh and sin. We also know that they would not be living in obedience to Christ's commands either, because Jesus said, the ones who put his words into practice are the only ones who will enter into heaven, not people who simply intellectually believe in Him or call themselves Christians.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." Mat 7:21-27

So, as a test, what can be said of the fruit of this devoted reader (me) of the NIV?

Since the KJV ONLY Defenders take me for a fool, I am now going to boast as fool just like Paul did. However, no one should read this and think I am taking credit for any of the righteousness or power that God has wrought in my life. And no one should read this and feel as if I'm saying I'm better than any other Christian. An obedient Christian is better *off*, not better *than*. I can take no credit for any

of this, other than my desire for it, and my faith to obey and believe that it was actually possible. A Christian who doesn't believe this kind of life and victory over sin is possible, will certainly never have it as their experience.

On one hand I am testifying of Christ's power to enable us to *actually* live like the Christians we are supposed to be. Sadly, in this age of watered down contemporary "Christianity", some (like myself for 19 years) may read a testimony like the one below and conclude that this kind of life is not even realistic, yet there is a Biblical precedent, command, and expectation on each and every point. On the other hand, I am simply speaking as a fool (like Paul), to prove the foolishness of suggesting that the NIV has been tampered with by the devil to deceive its readers, thus preventing their godliness. According to them, I would be more deceived than most because I have spent over 20 years and thousands of hours diligently studying the NIV. I'm sure you would agree that the more time one spends reading a work of deception, the more deceived and ungodly he should be. That means I should be in real trouble and the fruit of my life should be a real indicator of Satan's deception.

Everything in the following testimony can be verified and testified to by those who are the closest to me. In other words, I am not testifying on my own behalf without witnesses.

I am a Christian who primarily reads the alleged "poisonous" and "perverted" NIV Bible and yet I walk daily in the fear of the Lord. For three and a half years, I averaged four hours a day of Bible reading, not missing more than a few days per year. With Christ's help, I have overcome much suffering, betrayal and affliction to degrees that most do not have to go through and have still been able to serve others even in the seasons of my own suffering. I no longer fear man or their opinions of me and have obeyed God in many difficult ways that have proven this to be true. I obey the teachings of Christ and whatever else He asks me to do, to the best of my abilities and aided by His grace, regardless of the personal cost. I have seen God do things in my life that witnesses have not been able to get their head wrapped around. I have recorded hundreds of times the Father has come through for me in answers to prayer and need. I have been harassed multiple times and even physically attacked by demons. I have also overcome them in the name and Spirit of Christ. As a result of my costly obedience to the Lord, He has given me a [story](#) that actually saves people from suicide and spiritual death and encourages many who are without any hope. I hold no one in unforgiveness, I am not easily offended and can't remember the last time I was, I do not love money, I do not struggle with a bad temper, I do not get angry (except against ungodliness in the lives of willfully disobedient "Christians") or get in bad moods, I easily forgive those who attempt to harm me, I do not love the world, I do not idolize sports or sports teams or athletes, I do not waste my time in frivolous pursuits or worldly entertainment like I used to. I do not live in fear of anything except God, not the economy, the end of America, terrorists, the end of the world, etc. Although I am still capable of being tempted in a few areas, I do not live in any known sin or addictions. I have a strong desire for a godly wife and yet I have been able to remain completely single and celibate for over 3 years, as I wait for the specific one God has already promised me according to his timing. Although my desire for my future wife is exceptionally strong, I have patiently waited and avoided many temptations to get ahead of God by saying no to other potential relationships or attempts to "fix me up". I am filled with Spirit of Christ and am able to live in victory over my flesh, the world and sin. I genuinely love my fellow believers...especially those who are isolated and suffering so badly. I sacrifice my time for them each week and at many inconvenient times. My Father regularly gives me very specific and conformational "bread from heaven" for them to eat on and be encouraged with during their suffering. I do not concern myself with my needs or concerns, but rather the needs and

concerns of those I am serving. I spent two years writing a [book](#) and currently give it away for free in three different ways and only one way can it be purchased. Any needs I may have are relating back to how I can better meet the needs of others. I practice self-control and take care of my body and I am not overweight or given to gluttony. I love to pray and am able to pray for long periods of time, sometimes 30 to 90 min at a time. I have ZERO desire to watch television or engage in social media. When I do watch anything, I primarily restrict myself to Christian, historical, or nature documentaries and shows. I have good discernment of false teaching and of the walks of other believers, I am able to boldly speak truth into people's lives even when it hurts them to hear it. I have spoken such hard truth to four separate people that they have gotten mad and stopped being in relationship with me, but then came back many months or even a year later to be reconciled to me, saying I was right. God speaks to me with specific guidance or instruction, nearly every single day. He even warns me of coming troubles or trouble makers. I have seen supernatural divine provision from the Father, over and over and over. I am completely obsessed and completely content with my Lord and I love him more than anything in my life or in the world. I have a very difficult time with "small talk" (stuff that has no importance whatsoever to talk about) and would be happy to talk about God, all the time! I feel and sense his presence with me each and every day. I know that I am a beloved son of His and that He is with me moment by moment. I have and continue daily in tremendous peace, joy, and contentment in my life. I do not spend money on myself and have no desires for virtually anything that doesn't have to do with my relationship with God or helping to serve others in my ministry. I love being alone with just God and do not need people anymore to make me feel good. I am in relationship with people to serve them, no longer to have my needs met. My needs are now met by my Lord. Although I have been through terrible tragedies and although I have made many terrible and foolish mistakes in the past, God has redeemed them immensely and uses my life to encourage and strengthen the lives of many, as He sees fit to bring them across my path. I yield daily my weakness to His strength and I am kept!

I am not ashamed to testify of God's faithfulness in my life! Even so, I have spoken as a fool, but perhaps I may bring my point home by troubling you with one more question I have. I wonder how many of the KJV ONLY "defenders" could honestly testify to that kind of walk with Christ in their life and who have as many family members who would verify it as there are in my life? I'm not at all suggesting there aren't any, but the spirit I discern behind this movement is not a godly one, and yet they are claiming **I am being deceived and led astray by the devil**, through the NIV Bible. If the fruit in my life is because I'm deceived, then I say more people should join me in this "deception"!

If Paul, who had the same Spirit of Christ that I do, could write, *"I am not inferior to those 'super-apostles and I will continue to boast like this in order to cut the ground from under those who want an opportunity to be considered equal with us in the things they boast about"*, then perhaps now I can write, *"I am not inferior to those 'super defenders' and I will continue to boast like this to cut the ground out from under their feet"*.

*For whether I am in chains or **defending** and **confirming** the gospel, **all of you share in God's grace** with me. – Phi 1:7*

The spirit of the Pharisees was hypocritical and ungodly and lead to their eternal condemnation (Mt 23:13, 15, 24:51), all while being absolutely certain that they were known by and pleasing to God their "Father" (John 8:54-55). I have no doubt in my mind that there are many men (just like the Pharisees) who passionately and fiercely defend the KJV ONLY, and who believe that what they are

doing is of God, but who behind closed doors are still struggling with sin and have not found true love and freedom in Christ. Again, I'm not saying this is true for all of them, or even of Terry Watkins (whom I do not even know, and whom is certainly not the originator of the arguments below), but as you will see in the first argument point he makes against the NIV below, I am afraid there are many, who as Jesus said, are **"straining out gnats, but swallowing camels"**.

I wonder how many of these men, who claim to have the only true word and truth of God, and who communicate so eloquently their belief that the NIV is of the devil, but who then live in disobedience to the commands of Christ?

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" – Luke 6:46

I wonder how many KJV ONLY "defenders" who have studied so diligently and know every "i" that didn't get dotted and "t" that didn't get crossed in the NIV, but who still walk in unforgiveness, or unreconciled to their brother, or love money rather than God, or lust after women, or watch porno, or get angry with their brother, or keep losing their temper, or seek honor for themselves, or who fight back against those who wrong them, or love the world, material things, or pleasure, or abuse food or alcohol, or obsessively idolize their favorite sports team, or give to others grudgingly, or who spend money carelessly, or do not hear God speak and guide them personally, or withhold mercy from others, or judge and live as hypocrites, or who do not serve others in the spirit of Love?

On this basis, even after we go point by point below, I challenge all KJV ONLY "defenders" as I do all "Christians" to read 2 Cor 13:5 and to examine your heart and faith, not your head knowledge. Do you have a true relationship with Christ, or is your relationship just with The Bible, or with Christianity? Do you fully realize we are in the New Covenant, where the Spirit of Truth (Christ Jesus) actually lives inside of us and teaches us (1 Jn 2:27)?

Do you not understand the implications of, "the **letter kills** but the Spirit gives life?" Do you not realize that the early church didn't even have what we call "The Bible" today (much less a KJV), for hundreds of years? How in the world did they persevere in their faith in Christ to salvation?

Do you know everything there is to know in your head about the Bible and church history, yet fail to actually know God? Do you truly know God and have a daily interactive relationship with Him as your Father, or are you simply always learning about Him and never coming to a knowledge of His truth (2 Tim 3:7)? Do you realize that eternal life only comes from **knowing** God, not just knowing about Him (John 17:3, 2 Thes 1:8)? Do you fully realize that heaven is not for people who know the Bible, but those who know God through **obedience** to the teachings of Jesus Christ (Mat 7:21-23, Lk 6:46, John 8:51, 14:21-24, 15:9-11, Heb 5:9, 1 Jn 2:17)?

Are you reading the Bible for intellectual stimulation and head knowledge or for it to change your heart and life? Whatever version of the Bible you are reading, it had better lead to a change in who you are when no one else is looking, or the Lord will say it was completely worthless. Now, let's look at the arguments and points below that they make against the NIV...

Remember, any word, **NOT** in a box like this one, has been taken directly and unedited from the following website which wrote the article and accusations against the NIV Bible.

<http://www.av1611.org/niv.html>

by Terry Watkins

This generation has a hunger for perversion. What was perversion just a few years ago, is now "normal". What was "hiding" in the closet is now "parading" in our streets. *Perversion has found a welcome home - from the living room, to the White House; from our churches - to even the word of God!*

Our friend Webster, defines "**pervert**" as *1. to cause to turn aside or away from what is good or true... 2. to twist the meaning or sense of: misinterpret* (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 1977, p.856).

A perfect definition of The New International Version (NIV): *"to cause to turn aside or away from what is good or true" and "to twist the meaning or sense of"*. If you doubt that, before you start reading this tract - get the NIV and check it as you read this tract!

The NIV perverts the deity of Jesus Christ!

I TIMOTHY 3:16: The clearest verse in the Bible proclaiming that Jesus Christ was God. The King James Bible (KJB) reads, *"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **GOD WAS MANIFEST IN THE FLESH.** . . ."* The King James says, *plainly, "GOD was manifest in the flesh"*. The NIV reads, *"HE appeared in a body"*. The NIV "twists" "**GOD**" to "**HE**". *"HE appeared in a body"? So What? Everyone has "appeared in a body"!"* "He" is a pronoun that refers to a noun or antecedent. *There is no antecedent in the context! The statement does NOT make sense!* The NIV subtility (see Genesis 3:1) perverts I Timothy 3:16 into utter nonsense!

I wonder if there are even a handful of new Bible students who don't recognize the word **He** (with capitalized "**H**") to be synonymous with God in Bible? Has anyone, even in the History of the written Bible, ever confused "**He**" in the Bible to be someone else, other than God or Christ Jesus? "No antecedent in the context", they say? Did they read the very previous sentence (verse 15 in the NIV), *"which is the church of **THE LIVING GOD**, the pillar and foundation of the truth?"*

The "defenders" boldly declare: **"The NIV perverts the deity of Jesus Christ!"**

If this is true, the devil would surely be behind this, and since he's the "god of this age" (Luke 4:6, 2 Cor 4:4, Rev 12:9), surely he was powerful enough to make sure the job was finished and that the NIV wouldn't let on anywhere else that Jesus might really and actually be one in the same as God. I wouldn't have much respect for a devil who couldn't even finish a little ole deception job like that! Let's check the NIV and see...

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.*** - Joh 1:1NIV

***The Word became flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.* - Joh 1:14 NIV

*"I Tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "**before Abraham was born, I am!**"* - John 8:58 NIV

*"Anyone who has seen **me has seen the Father.**" – John 14:9 NIV*

*"Who [Jesus] being **in very nature God...**" – Phil 2:6 NIV*

*While we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of **our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ** – Titus 2:13 NIV*

***He is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation.** – Col 1:15 NIV*

*The Son is the radiance of God's glory and **the exact representation of his being...** - Heb 1:3 NIV*

*Every spirit that acknowledges that **Jesus Christ has come in the flesh** is from God. – 1 John 4:2 NIV*

*And we are in him who is true—even in his Son **Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.** – 1 John 5:20 NIV*

I'd say the devil failed pretty miserably on this deception of "perverting" or hiding the fact that Jesus is God. How about you? Do you have ANY doubts about the deity of Christ based on the NIV?

Already, in this first argument against the NIV, we see an ignorant over reaching to show some spiritual conspiracy theory that just DOES NOT exist. As we move forward (Not that we should even do so, but I will just for the people who REALLY need to see all of this and don't yet understand the "fruit" principle), we will see the truth behind 2 Corinthians 3:6 become more and more applicable to these baseless arguments that the NIV is a perverted version of the Bible, intended by the devil, to lead believers away from true saving faith in Christ.

*"He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for **the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.**" – 2 Cor 3:6*

We will also see that this kind of quarreling over words at the expense of actually living a godly life by the Spirit, is in keeping with the same spirit of the legalistic Pharisees that Jesus despised and spoke harshly against, saying they would not escape hell.

Now, having just read my first rebuttal to his point #1, you should be able to read the below verse and clearly understand what Jesus meant when He said this.

"You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel." - Matthew 23:24

Dear KJV ONLY Defender: I, Michael Chriswell, have been reading the NIV for 20 years and I have been in no way deceived into ever thinking that Jesus is not fully man and fully God.

SCORE: NIV Bible (1), KJV Only Defenders (0)

PHILIPPIANS 2:6: The KJB again, *clearly* declares the deity of Jesus Christ: *"Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery **TO BE EQUAL WITH GOD**"* The NIV reads, *"Who, being in very nature God, **DID NOT CONSIDER EQUALITY WITH GOD something to be grasped,**"*. *The NIV again subtly perverts the deity of Jesus Christ!*

I'm perplexed (but not surprised) that anyone can read the words, "**Who being in very nature God,**" can then say in the next sentence that the NIV "subtly" perverts the deity of Christ. What five-year-old child could not understand Jesus is God from this passage? The NIV is simply making the same point as the KJV with a different use of the words. The meaning we take away from both versions is that **Jesus is clearly God**, but He chose to humble himself and become a servant, rather than to be like God, who deserves to be served. It doesn't get any clearer than that in both versions.

While KJV ONLY "defenders" call this subtle perversion, I think this sounds an awful lot like the folks Paul describes in 1 Tim 6:4, "*He [the false teacher] is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and **quarrels about words** that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions.*"

SCORE: NIV Bible (2), KJV Only Defenders (0)

The NIV perverts the virgin birth!

LUKE 2:33: The King James Bible reads, "*And JOSEPH and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.*" The NIV reads, "*The CHILD'S FATHER and mother marveled at what was said about him.*" **The "CHILD'S FATHER"?** Was Joseph Jesus's father? Not if you believe the virgin birth! Not if you believe John 3:16, that Jesus Christ was the Son of God! A subtil, "perversion" of the virgin birth. See also Luke 2:43.

I'll be honest; I feel absolute indignation when I read ridiculous stuff like this about the Word of our Lord and I hope you will too after you read below.

Ok, so here the argument is made that **the NIV perverts the virgin birth.**

Once again, we have to investigate other Scriptures and see if the NIV might in any way, "subtly" or otherwise, lead its readers to NOT believe in the virgin birth of Christ. If this is true, we can know the devil is trying to deceive us. Let's check the NIV and see...

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: **The virgin** will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*" – Isa 7:14 NIV

*"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because **what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.**"* – Mat 1:20 NIV

*"**The virgin** will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel!"—which means, "God with us." - Mat 1:23 NIV*

*But **he had no union with her** until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.* – Mat 1:25 NIV

*In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, **to a virgin** pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. **The virgin's** name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give*

him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." **"How will this be,"** Mary asked the angel, **"since I am a virgin?"** The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. - Luk 1:26-35 NIV

It's not looking so good for the devil here either, I'm afraid. Even worse, look what the **KJV** calls "Joseph" in Luke 2:48 (just 15 verses later), the very thing they accuse the NIV of doing in v. 33 to deceive people into thinking Joseph was Jesus' father, rather than God.

*And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, **thy father and I** have sought thee sorrowing.* - Luk 2:48 **KJV**

I wonder if the KJV ONLY "defenders" even read their entire KJV bible before coming up with this stuff?

Dear KJV Defender: I, Michael Chriswell, have been reading the NIV for 20 years and I have been in no way deceived into thinking that Jesus was not born from a virgin birth...

SCORE: NIV Bible (3), KJV Only Defenders (0)

The NIV removes the blood of Jesus Christ!

COLOSSIANS 1:14: The KJB reads, "In whom we have redemption **THROUGH HIS BLOOD**, even the forgiveness of sins:" The NIV reads, "In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." The NIV rips out the precious words "**THROUGH HIS BLOOD!**" **Friend, redemption is ONLY "THROUGH HIS BLOOD"**. Hebrews 9:22, reads, ". . . without shedding of **BLOOD** is no remission." That old song says, "What can wash away my sins, **NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS!**"

If this is true, clearly this is an attempt of the devil to annihilate the importance of the blood of Jesus Christ, from the NIV Bible. We need to see if the devil was successful this time and could the KJV "defenders" be right after all? Were the manuscripts used to make the NIV poisonous, perverted, and polluted in this way? Was the doctrine of the precious blood of Christ removed? Let's check the NIV and see...

*Be shepherds of the church of God, which he **bought with his own blood.*** - Acts 20:28 NIV

*God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, **through faith in his blood.*** - Rom 3:25 NIV

*Since we have now been **justified by his blood**, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!* - Rom 5:9 NIV

*In him we have redemption **through his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.* - Eph 1:7 NIV

*He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by **his own blood**, having obtained eternal redemption....How much more, then, will **the blood of***

Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! - Heb 9:12-14 NIV

And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy **through his own blood**. - Heb 13:12 NIV

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life ..., but with **the precious blood of Christ**.... - 1Pe 1:18-19 NIV

Actually, No Peter, I don't know that because I read the "poisonous" and "perverted" NIV which has **"removed the blood of Christ."** (Well, except of course in all those verses above, as well as the TWENTY EIGHT OTHERS BELOW that I don't even have the room to add, like Mat 26:28, 27:24, 25, Mar 14:24, Lk 22:20, John 6:53-56, 19:34, Acts 5:28, 1 Cor 10:16, 11:25, 27, Eph 2:13, Col 1:20, Heb 9:20, 10:19, 10:29, 12:2-4, 1 Pet 1:2, 1:19, 1 John 1:7, 1 John 5:6, 8, Rev 1:5, 5:9, 7:14, 12:11, 19:13)

Do you have any idea how hard it is for me to keep answering these completely outlandish accusations against the NIV? Have you noticed that with each one it grows more and more ABSURD?

Dear KJV ONLY Defender: I, Michael Chriswell, have been reading the NIV for 20 years and I have been in no way deceived into thinking that forgiveness of sins could come through anything other than faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross AND his resurrection (Rom 4:24)

SCORE: NIV Bible (4), KJV Only Defenders (0)

The NIV perverts John 3:16 into a LIE!

JOHN 3:16: The NIV reads, "For God so loved the world that he gave his **ONE AND ONLY SON**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" **Jesus was NOT "the one and only son"** - Adam is called the "son of God" in Luke 3:38, there are "sons of God" in Job 1:6 and Christians are called "sons of God" in Phil 2:15, 1 John 3:2- **but Jesus was the "ONLY BEGOTTEN SON"!** **By removing the critical word "BEGOTTEN" - The NIV perverts John 3:16 into a LIE! The NIV does the same in John 1:14, 1:18, and 3:18.**

This one asserts that the NIV's use of "One and only Son" as opposed to "Only begotten Son", in these four verses of Scripture, leaves the readers deceived and believing that there are no other sons of God, except Jesus. Does the NIV erase us as "sons of God" also? Let's check the NIV and see...

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called **sons of God**.* - Mat 5:9 NIV

*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that **you may be sons of your Father** in heaven.* - Mat 5:44 NIV

*For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is **my brother and sister** and mother.* - Mat 12:50 NIV

*Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and **tell my brothers** to go to Galilee..."* - Mat 28:10 NIV

*Then your reward will be great, and **you will be sons** of the Most High.* - Luke 6:35 NIV

*My mother and **brothers** are those who hear God's word and put it into practice – Luke 8:21 NIV*

*Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**. – John 1:12 NIV*

***In bringing many sons to glory**, it was fitting that God, Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy **are of the same family**. So Jesus is not ashamed **to call them brothers**.
- Heb 2:10-11 NIV*

*Because those who are led by the Spirit of God are **sons of God**. – Rom 8:14 NIV*

*For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of **sonship**. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that **we are God's children**. Now if **we are children**, then we are heirs—heirs of God and **co-heirs with Christ**.... - Rom 8:15-17*

***Because you are sons**, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but **a son; and since you are a son**, God has made you also an heir. - Gal 4:6-7*

*Be imitators of God, therefore, **as dearly loved children**... - Eph 5:1*

So, in further response to this accusation, I might simply ask any reader of the NIV, "Have you ever read John 3:16 in your NIV Bible and then believed that you could never be a son or a daughter of God, because it said that Jesus was the 'One and only Son'? Did that interpretation ever cross your mind after you had read through the entire New Testament, or was it clear to you as John the Baptist taught in John 3:31, that Jesus was first born and ONLY son from heaven, which makes him *above* us?

"The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all." – John 3:31

Dear KJV Defender: I, Michael Chriswell, have been reading the NIV for 20 years and I have been in no way deceived into ever thinking that I too could not be a son of God because Jesus was the only one.

SCORE: NIV Bible (5), KJV Only Defenders (0)

The NIV perverts TRUTH into LIES!

The NIV perverts Mark 1:2,3 into a **LIE!** The NIV reads "It is written in Isaiah the prophet: I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way—a voice of one calling in the desert, Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him." **It is NOT written in Isaiah!** "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" - **is found in Malachi 3:1!** The King James **correctly** reads: "As it is written in the **PROPHETS**, . . ." **"A better translation! Easier to read - BY A LIE!**

I believe it was **Mary Elizabeth Jenkins Surratt**, accused and convicted of taking part in the conspiracy to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln, who told her attorney in the movie the

Conspirator, "You are so blinded by hate, that you cannot see the truth." I don't know if Mary Surratt was innocent or not, but I have never forgotten that powerful line in the movie.

When you see what the KJV ONLY "defenders" have attempted to do in this accusation, you will find that quote seems to even apply here. It seems to be personal for the KJV ONLY "defenders", rather than a true love for God's word and truth. Now they are simply getting reckless and irresponsible.

Let me show you what the KJV "defenders" **fail to point out here**, in their attempt to "prove" the NIV lies. The words in the passage below, not in bold, do in fact come from Malachi 3:1, but the words in bold, which the KJV "defenders" apparently do not wish to include, come **directly from Isaiah 40:3**

The entire passage in the NIV reads as follows:

It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"—"a voice of one calling in the desert, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him." - Mar 1:2-3 NIV

Can you imagine trying to take an accusation like this against someone before a court of law? They would likely hold you in contempt of the court just for UTTERLY WASTING THEIR TIME!

Dear KJV ONLY Defender: I, Michael Chriswell, have been reading the NIV for 20 years and I have not in any way been led astray from my sincere and pure devotion to Christ, because the NIV failed to point out that only the last 19 words of this 32 word passage are from Isaiah, but that the first 13 are from Malachi.

SCORE: NIV Bible (6), KJV Only Defenders (-2) I'm sorry, but this one deserved a penalty!

Psalms 119:160 says, "*Thy word is TRUE. . .*" John 17:17 says, ". . . *thy word is TRUTH.*" Titus 1:2 clearly says, ". . . *God that CANNOT LIE*" How could the God of Titus 1:2 be the God of Mark 1:2,3 in the NIV!? **IT IS IMPOSSIBLE!** For Hebrews 6:18 clearly declares, ". . . *it was IMPOSSIBLE for God to LIE*" **It is impossible for the LIES in the NIV to be the words of GOD!** Whose words are they? I'll give you a hint - *Jesus Christ calls him "A LIAR, and the father of it" in John 8:44!*

The NIV again openly **LIES** in 2 Samuel 21:19, ". . . *Elhanan son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite, who had a spear with a shaft like a weaver's rod.*" What 8-year-old doesn't know that David killed Goliath?

Romans 1:18-32 describes the "*path to perversion*" and verse 25, describes their decline, "**Who changed the TRUTH of God into a LIE. . .!**" Not surprisingly, The NIV perverts Romans 1:25 from "**CHANGED the truth of God INTO a lie**" to "**EXCHANGED the truth of God FOR a lie**"!

Any person actually reading the context of the story line here in 2 Samuel, easily sees that this is LONG after David has already killed Goliath as a boy. Also, we can see in 1 Chro 20:5 of the same so called, "**LYING, DECEPTIVE, POISONOUS, PERVERTED**" NIV BIBLE, that it was actually *the brother of Goliath*.

*In another battle with the Philistines, Elhanan son of Jair killed Lahmi **the brother of Goliath** the Gittite, who had a spear with a shaft like a weaver's rod. - 1Ch 20:5 NIV*

I am finding that the devil's attempts to pervert the word of God in the NIV and deceive its readers, to be quite impotent, how about you? I bet the devil is actually mad at the KJV ONLY "defenders" who are so willingly attributing this weakness and impotence to him.

As you can see, there is NO REASON WHATSOEVER for continuing on to answer these baseless assertions about the NIV Bible. It is a waste of my time and yours. They hate the NIV and their minds will never change, unless God himself changes it.

As Paul said, "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." Now, be done with reading this and start studying the commands of Christ and putting them into action. Soon, you will no longer need to spend any time with foolish and stupid arguments like this one! You will be too busy in your relationship with Christ and loving and serving others! Clearly people who get caught up in these kinds of arguments, do not yet know God. Pray for their eyes to be opened!

Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. – 2 Tim 2:23

Dear KJV ONLY Defender: I, Michael Chriswell, forgive you for wasting my time of having to defend this absolutely foolish and stupid argument. I do so because I care about the people you are leading into confusion. I also care about you and wish to offer a warning to you. Since we know that the Holy Spirit wrote the word of God (John 14:26, 2 Tim 3:16, 2 Pet 1:21), it is possible that from God's perspective, some KJV ONLY "defenders" are actually committing the unforgiveable sin of Blaspheming the Holy Spirit, by openly attributing the writing of the NIV to Satan, rather than the Holy Spirit.

I humbly suggest that you repent of these attempts at blaspheming God's word, causing division, and wasting your time and the time of others. Put this nonsense of splitting hairs to death, and **start obeying the words of Christ** in love. God forbid you stand before Jesus in this condition, my friend. How will this not be true for you? *"But 'Lord, Lord', at least I was defending your KJV Bible and warning people about that poisonous NIV!"* Jesus replies, *"You were straining out gnats and drinking camels! Away from me you evildoer; I never knew you."* God forbid! Wake up...this is serious error!

SCORE: NIV Bible (7), KJV Only Defenders (-4) *clearly worth another penalty!

The NIV and sexual perversion!

Romans 1:26-32 also shows the "fruits" of "sowing" ". . . **the TRUTH of God into a LIE. . .**" Verses 26-27 says **"FOR THIS CAUSE** (vs 25 for "changing the TRUTH of God into a LIE") *God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, . . ."*

The last few years homosexuality and sexual perversion have "exploded" into the mainstream. Legislation is now pending making same-sex marriages legal. Books such as *Heather Has Two Mommies* and *Daddy's Roommate*, promoting homosexuality, are in our schools. According to *The Washington Post*, bisexuality and homosexuality, are the "in thing" in our public schools. *And even churches are now welcoming homosexuals and are even ordaining them in the ministry!*

A literary critic on the NIV translation was homosexual author Dr. Virginia Mollenkott. In *Episcopal, Witness* (June 1991, pp. 20-23), she admits, "*My lesbianism has ALWAYS been a part of me. . .*" To no surprise, "sodomite" is completely removed from the NIV. (Deut. 23:17, I Kings 14:24, 15:12, 22:46, II Kings 23:7) And of course, I Cor. 6:9, ". . . *effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. . .*" is replaced with the non-offensive ". . . *nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders. . .*" Notice the NIV in I Cor. 6:9 does NOT condemn "homosexuals" or the "act of homosexuality" - **but ONLY "homosexual OFFENDERS"**.

Ok, so the accusation here is that the NIV was influenced heavily by a homosexual literary critic (she was one of 14 literary critics on the project) and she was so influential that she was able to even usurp the 104 actual translators and editors into basically endorsing sexual perversion by obscuring God's clear stance against sexual immorality and homosexuality. The complete list of the NIV committee is here: <http://www.bible-researcher.com/niv-translators.html>

Additionally, they claim that the words from 1 Cor 6:9 in the KJV, "effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, is actually LESS offensive than "male prostitutes nor **homosexual offenders**"????? Effeminate means "soft...like a woman". What does a male prostitute mean? Are prostitutes not known for being women? Is a male prostitute not being "effeminate", like a woman?

Is a **homosexual offender** not someone who specifically abuses themselves with mankind through the act of homosexuality? Is that not even a more clear description of what it means to abuse themselves with mankind? This is where we get the word sodomite. The men of Sodom abused themselves with mankind, because they were HOMOSEXUAL OFFENDERS! And how do we know this? Because it says so, even right in the NIV that that the KJV ONLY defenders say has done away with the wickedness of homosexuality and softened it up to be more acceptable. Let's see in the NIV...

They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them." Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him and said, "No, my friends. Don't do this wicked thing. (Gen 19:5-7) NIV

"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable. (Lev 18:22) NIV

Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. (Rom 1:24-27) NIV

Dear KJV ONLY Defender: I, Michael Chriswell, have been reading the NIV for twenty years and I have never once been confused about homosexuality being a wicked sin against God for both men and women.

Here's what I am confused about though! How will you ever get to heaven with this legalistic, gnat straining, camel swallowing, hypocritical, judgmental, hate filled, approach to Christianity? How do you not see that you are a Pharisee through and through? I know that you mean well and that you

are sincere, but you are terribly deceived my friends...SNAP OUT OF IT...REPENT of this nonsense before you realize on Judgment day that you were warned!

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are." – Mat 23:15

SCORE: NIV Bible (8), KJV Only Defenders (-4)

The NIV & Zondervan

A little known fact: In 1988 Zondervan and the NIV was purchased by *Harper & Row, Publishers* (now *HarperCollins Publishers*). *HarperCollins* publishes "pro-homosexual" books such as *Making Out, The Book of Lesbian Sex and Sexuality* described as "*Beautifully illustrated with full-color photography, . . . Making Out is the complete illustrated guide to lesbian sexuality and relationships. . .the intricacies of love play. . .*" and many other pro-homosexual books!

HarperCollins is a subsidiary of the global media empire, *The News Corporation*, owned by Rupert Murdoch. *The News Corporation* empire include Fox Broadcasting, Twentieth Century Fox, and more than 128 newspapers. *Fox Broadcasting* produces some of the most sexually lewd shows on television. Murdoch also publishes the British newspaper, *the Sun*, notorious for its nude pin-ups.

VERY IMPORTANT! [For the REAL PROOF Check out this link to HarperCollins](#)

The NIV Bible I read was written and published before the sales of Zondervan to Harper. What Harper published before or after that, in no way affects the quality of God's written words already published in the NIV. Who do you KJV ONLY "defenders" think is in control of God's word and God's people...the devil or God himself? Do you not realize God chose His own temple to be built by a pagan (King Cyrus in 2 Chro 26:3) Do you not realize that God chose for the 66 books you hold in your hand as the KJV Bible to be assembled by the closest thing we have on earth to the whore of Babylon (The Roman Catholic Church) and all of it's anti-Christ popes and apostasy? Why have you made God out to be this impotent deity who can't even protect his own word from perversion?

What if God were please to apply this principle to Harper?

"The people living in darkness [Harper] have seen a great light [Zondervan and the Word of God]; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." – Mat 4:16 NIV

SCORE: NIV Bible (9), KJV Only Defenders (-4)

Now where is Don Wildmon when we really need him? Don was quick to boycott Kmart because subsidiary, *Waldenbooks* sold Playboy and Penthouse. Kmart can't "hold a candle" to the "filth" spewed by *The News Corporation*. Why isn't Don boycotting Zondervan and the NIV? Friend, every time you purchase the NIV you are giving to people who produce pro-homosexuality, pornographic material — **AND THE SATANIC BIBLE!** "*Can two walk together, except they be AGREED?*" Amos 3:3

Jesus Christ **plainly** said in Matthew 7:17-18:

*Even so every **GOOD** tree bringeth forth **GOOD** fruit; but a **CORRUPT** tree bringeth forth **EVIL FRUIT**. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a **CORRUPT** tree bring forth **GOOD FRUIT**. (Matthew 7:17-18)*

Do you think Jesus Christ was LIEING?

*Do you really believe God would **ALLOW** His **HOLY** word to be "owned" by that group? ". . .for what fellowship hath **RIGHTEOUSNESS** with **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**? and what communion hath light with darkness?" 2 Cor. 6:14*

Do you actually believe God would ALLOW His Holy Word to published by the same ungodly people who publish the Satanic Bible?

*Being born again, not of **CORRUPTIBLE** seed, but of **INCORRUPTIBLE**, by the **WORD OF GOD**, which liveth and abideth forever. (1 Peter 1:23)*

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SCORE: NIV Bible (10), KJV Only Defenders (-4)

*". . .but the word of God is **NOT BOUND**."* 2 Timothy 2:9

The NIV robs Jesus Christ of worship!

In Matt. 8:2, 9:18, 15:25, 18:26, 20:20, Mark 5:6, 15:19 "worshipped him" is removed in the NIV! *Why doesn't the NIV want Jesus Christ to be worshipped?* Hint: see Luke 4:7, Matt. 4:9.

Who would ever read "A man with leprosy came and knelt before Him" (Mat 8:2) and not equate that to the very act of worship. Is that not an actual demonstration of worship rather than the simple use of the word? Is anyone confused on this? Has anyone **EVER** been confused on this? When we see a Buddhist monk bowing down to a statue of the Buddha are we confused about what he is actually doing? When you see someone in church bow down before the altar, are you confused about what he is doing? But just in case, let's see if the NIV robs Jesus Christ of worship by removing all references to him being worshipped with the use of the actual word "worship".

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to **worship him**." Mat 2:2 NIV

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and **worshiped him**. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Mat 2:11 NIV

Then those who were in the boat **worshiped him**, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." – Mat 14:33 NIV

Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and **worshiped him**. Mat 28:9 NIV

Then they **worshiped him** and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. Luke 24:52 NIV

Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he **worshiped him**. – John 9:38 NIV

When they saw him, they **worshiped him**; but some doubted. Mat 28:17 NIV

SCORE: NIV Bible (11), KJV Only Defenders (-4)

The NIV perverts Jesus Christ into Lucifer!

Isaiah 14:14 reveals Satan's grandest desire, *"I will be like the most High."* And with a little subtil perversion - the NIV in Isaiah 14:12 grants Satan's wish!

ISAIAH 14:12: The KJB reads, *"How art thou fallen from heaven, O LUCIFER, son of the morning! . . ."* The NIV PERversion reads, *"How you have fallen from heaven, O MORNING STAR, son of the dawn. . ."* The NIV change "Lucifer" to "MORNING STAR".

BUT WAIT. . . I thought the Lord Jesus Christ was the **MORNING STAR**?

Doesn't Revelation 22:16 say, *"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and MORNING STAR"*.

The NIV **CLEARLY AND BLATANTLY** makes LUCIFER -- The Lord Jesus Christ! **WHAT BLASPHEMY!** **WHAT PERVERSION!** And Christians claim the NIV is a "better translation"!

ISAIAH 14:15: The King James Bible condemns Lucifer to hell: *"Yet thou shalt be brought down to HELL . . ."* The NIV does NOT condemn Lucifer to HELL! The NIV reads, *"But you are brought down to the GRAVE. . ."* *We all go to the GRAVE! Why doesn't the NIV want Satan in hell?*

The KJV is the ONLY Bible I can find that interprets the Hebrew word $he^{\wedge}yle^{\wedge}l$ *hay-lale'* for morning start to also mean "Lucifer". No other bible has taken this interpretation and this has been a difficult theological issue for many to settle, but again, is anyone reading the NIV Bible confused about who Jesus is and who Satan is? Come on guys!

The NIV removes and perverts the place of hell!

The word "hell" occurs 31 times in the Old Testament in the King James Bible. *In the Old Testament of the NIV it occurs - ZERO! The word "hell" is NOT in the Old Testament of the NIV!*

And what do they do with "hell"? Take **PSALM 9:17** for example: The King James reads, "*The wicked shall be turned into HELL. . .*" The NIV, reads, "*The wicked return to the GRAVE. . .*" **We ALL "return to the GRAVE"!** By removing "hell" the NIV perverts Psalm 9:17 into nonsense!

In the New Testament the NIV zaps out "hell" 9 times. And what "clearer" "easier to understand" word does the NIV "update" hell with? **Five times they use - HADES!** (Matt 16:18, Rev 1:18, 6:8, 20:13,14) What "common person" understands **HADES**? *Everybody knows what HELL is! Do you know what HADES is?* Hades is not always a place of torment or terror. The Assyrian Hades is an abode of blessedness with silver skies called "Happy Fields". *In the satanic New Age Movement, Hades is an intermediate state of purification! Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines HADES: "the underground abode of the dead in Greek MYTHOLOGY".* **The NIV perverts your Bible into MYTHOLOGY!**

The NIV perverts The Lord's Prayer into The Devil's Prayer!

LUKE 11:2-4: The KJB reads, ". . . *Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.*" **The NIV removes everything that refers to a Holy God in heaven - "WHICH ART IN HEAVEN. . . Thy will be done, AS IN HEAVEN, so in earth. . . but DELIVER US FROM EVIL."** Everything that distinguishes God from the Devil is REMOVED! **"OUR FATHER"** of the NIV is **"NOT IN HEAVEN"** and **"DOES NOT DELIVER FROM EVIL!"** I wonder who it could be? (hint: see John 8:44)

The accusation here is that the devil has successfully removed the fact that our Father (God) is in heaven and it has removed the ability to distinguish between God and the devil (the evil one).

They are absolutely correct about their assertions here on the summary version of the Lord's prayer that Luke chose to use in - Luk 11:2-4 NIV But perhaps they should have read the 6th chapter of the FIRST book in the New Testament.

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in **heaven**, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in **heaven**. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but **deliver us from the evil one.**" - Mat 6:9-13 NIV

Dear KJV ONLY Defender: I, Michael Chriswell, have been reading and studying the NIV Bible for 20 years and have never been fooled into not being able to distinguish between the God (Our Father) of heaven and the god (Satan) of this world, because of Luke's summary version of the Lord's prayer.

The Bible warns against taking away and adding to the words of God!

Deuteronomy 4:2 reads: "**YE SHALL NOT ADD** unto the word which I command you, **NEITHER SHALL YE DIMINISH** ought from it . . ."

Proverbs 30:6, reads, "**ADD THOU NOT** unto his words . . ."

And just in case you missed it, **GOD'S LAST WARNING** is Revelation 22:18,19, ". . . *If any man SHALL ADD* unto these things. . . *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 Jesus Christ, in Luke 8:12, gives a clear aim of Satan, ". . . *then cometh the devil, and TAKETH AWAY the word . . .*"

The NIV completely "TAKETH AWAY" 17 verses!

Wonderful and precious verses like:

MATTHEW 18:11: *"For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost."*

ACTS 8:37: *"And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."*

The NIV PERversion completely "TAKETH AWAY" Matthew 17:21, 18:11, 23:14, Mark 7:16, 9:44, 9:46, 11:26, 15:28, Luke 17:36, 23:17, John 5:4, Acts 8:37, 15:34, 24:7, 28:28, Romans 16:24 and 1 John 5:7!

After Mark 16:8 the NIV says, *"The most reliable early manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9-20."* **ZAP-There goes another 12 verses!** And by the way, that is absolutely untrue! The book, *The Last Twelve Verses of the Gospel of Mark*, by Dean Burgon contains over 400 pages of documented evidence for Mark 16:9-20, that has never been refuted, nor ever will!

After John 7:52, the NIV, reads, *"The earliest and most reliable manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not have John 7:53-8:11"* **ZAP-There goes another 12 verses!**

Matt. 12:47, 21:44, Luke 22:43 and 22:44 are all removed in the footnotes!

That's 45 complete verses the NIV removes from the text or in the footnotes!

The NIV "TAKETH AWAY" 64,576 words!

Rather than try to go by these one by one, I shall simply point out a few things that clear it all up. First of all, how many words do you think were removed simply when you take out all of the "thee's" and "thous"? Probably about 64,000...but I'm not going to count.

Don't look for the "mercyseat" in the NIV - GONE!

The words "mercyseat" is used only one time in the KJV.

And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat... (Heb 9:5) KJV

Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover... (Heb 9:5) NIV

"Mercyseat" was a traditional name used but it is not the actual meaning or name used in the Hebrew manuscripts. The NIV Study Bible clearly indicates this fact and points out the traditional use of the word "mercyseat".

I feel it is appropriate to point out Jesus' words again: *"You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel."* - Matthew 23:24

Don't look for "Jehovah" in the NIV - GONE!

Read the following short article or look up the history of the word Jehovah and you will see why.
<http://www.gotquestions.org/Jehovah.html>

*Don't look for the "Godhead" in the NIV - **GONE!***

Here are the three Scriptures where "Godhead" appears in the KJV. The NIV respectively uses "divine being, His divine nature, fullness of the Deity, in place of the word "Godhead".

Act 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

The NIV removes wonderful Bible "terms" like remission, regeneration, impute, propitiation, new testament and many others!

Despite God's clear warnings about "taking away" from His words - the NIV removes 64,576 words! Over 8 percent of God's word is "TAKETH AWAY"!

If I were coming from the same legalistic attitude as the King James Only Defenders, Here is where I would say, "Can you explain to me why **the KJV removes the word "One"** (As in God) from the phrase "Holy One" in the verses Psalm 22:3, Pro 9:10, and Pro 30:3? The NIV and other translations properly include the reference to "One", which is written in the Jewish Bible, why doesn't the KJV?

Again, if I were splitting hairs as they are, I would say, "Yet in truthfulness, we must admit that even the KJV doesn't always use the best translation," Genesis 37:35 in the KJV and NIV contain the expression "the grave." The NIV has a note rendering this as "Sheol," whereas only some other editions do so. The RSV renders it as "Sheol" right in the text itself. According to Strong's "sheol" is correct.

The good news? I'm not asking these types of silly questions, and I have not thrown away any KJV Bibles or stopped using them in my supplemental Bible studies simply because they "removed" these words.

*That equals REMOVING the books of Ruth, Esther, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Malachi, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians, I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, James, I Peter, II Peter, I John, II John, III John, Jude and more - **COMBINED!!! The equivalence of ripping out OVER 30 BOOKS of the Bible!***

In case you think it's insignificant words like "thee" and "thou"? The NIV removes major portions of at least 147 verses!

Here's a small (very small) sampling of words removed in the NIV!

Feel free to look these all up if you want to, but I can tell you that on any verse that the NIV Study Bible has removed, there is a note and explanation showing the "removed" text and the reason for doing so. It is usually because thousands of earlier manuscripts have been found since the KJV Bible was written in 1611 and the earlier manuscripts did not contain the verse. However, whatever critical truth they claim has been removed, you will find that is it elsewhere in the NIV, even if it has been removed to match the earliest manuscripts in the one place it has been removed. I'll give you one example on the first one below.

Matt. 6:13, "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

The phrase above was not in the earliest manuscripts so the NIV left it out, but See Rev 1:6, and Rev 12:10 and you will see clearly of God's kingdom, power, and glory. Take a look at what the NIV says in Mat 15:8 below and you will see that you don't need to waste your time with looking up the rest.

Matt. 15:8, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth"
 Matt. 19:9, "and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."
 Matt. 20:7, "and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive."
 Matt. 20:16, "for many be called, but few chosen."
 Matt. 20:22, "and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with"
 Matt. 25:13, "wherein the Son of Man cometh."
 Matt. 27:35, "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet They parted my garments among them and upon my vesture did they cast lots"
 Mark 6:11, "Verily I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city."
 Mark 10:21, "take up the cross."
 Luke 1:28, "blessed art thou among women"
 Luke 4:4, "but by every word of God"
 Luke 4:8, "get thee behind me Satan"
 Luke 4:18, "he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted"
 Luke 11:2-4, "Our ... which art in ... Thy will be done, as in heaven so in earth... but deliver us from evil"
 John 1:27, "is preferred before me"
 John 3:13, "which is in heaven"
 John 3:15, "should not perish"
 John 11:41, "from the place where the dead was laid"
 John 16:16, "because I go to the Father"
 Acts 10:6, "he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do"
 Acts 15:18, "Known unto God are all his works"
 Acts 20:24, "But none of these things move me"
 Acts 23:9, "let us not fight against God"
 Rom. 8:1, "who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit"
 Rom. 13:9, "Thou shalt not bear false witness"
 I Cor. 6:20, "and in your spirit which are God's"
 I Cor. 11:24; "Take eat... broken"
 II Cor. 10:4, "but mighty through God"
 Gal. 3:1, "that you should not obey the truth"
 Eph. 5:30, "of his flesh, and of his bones"

Phil. 3:16, "let us mind the same thing"
 I Tim. 6:5, "from such withdraw thyself"
 Heb. 7:21, "after the order of Melchisedec"
 I Pet. 1:22, "through the Spirit"
 I Pet. 4:14, "on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified"
 I John 4:3, "Christ is come in the flesh"
 I John 5:13, "and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God"
 Rev. 1:11, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last"
 Rev. 5:14, "him that liveth for ever and ever"
 Rev. 14:5, "before the throne of God"
 Rev. 21:24, "of them which are saved"

Jesus Christ says, in Luke 4:4, ". . . *It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY WORD of God.*" But not according to the NIV! *In fact, the NIV even "TAKETH AWAY" the last half of Luke 4:4 - "BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD"! And Jesus Christ was quoting Deuteronomy 8:3 to Satan! Does the NIV PERversion seriously think the Lord Jesus Christ does NOT know Duet. 8:3???*

The LIES used to promote the NIV. . .

LIE 1) *The NIV "just" updates the "archaic" words and makes it "easier to understand". Nothing is "really changed."*
FACT: The NIV denies the deity of Jesus Christ; the virgin birth; glorifies Satan; openly lie; removes 17 complete verses and 64,576 words!

LIE 2) *The NIV is easier to read and understand.*

FACT: According to a *Flesch-Kincaid* Grade Level research study, The King James Bible is by far the easiest! Out of 26 different categories - the King James graded easier in a whopping 23! In selected analysis, the KJB average grade level was 5.8 - the NIV was 8.4! (*New Age Bible Versions*, Riplinger, pp.195-209)

LIE 3) *Older and more reliable manuscripts have been discovered since the King James Bible.*

FACT: Dr. Sam Gipp writes, "*The fact is, that the King James translators had ALL OF THE READINGS available to them that modern critics have available to them today.*" (*The Answer Book*, Gipp, p.110) **And furthermore, it is a well documented fact that 90 - 95 per cent of all readings agree with the King James Bible!**

LIE 4) *The NIV is more accurate.*

FACT: The KJB is a literal word for word translation. When the translators had to add words for sentence structure they are in italics. The NIV uses "dynamic equivalence". Rather than a word for word translation, they add, change and subtract to make the verse say what they "thought" it should! The Preface to the NIV even says, ". . . *they have striven for more than a word-for-word translation.* . . ."

FINAL THOUGHTS: If the NIV were a bad tree as these guys claim it is, then it would not be able to produce good fruit. It's that simple. The NIV is a godly translation of the Bible and you can be proud to read it if you choose to do so! For twenty years I have enjoyed reading it and today I enjoy wonderful fruit in my heart and ministry, as the Spirit of Christ has worked it in me through the words I read in my NIV 84 Bible.

I absolutely believe in defending the truth and solid doctrine. I am a passionate defender of God's truth and words. However, the spirit of the Pharisees is alive and well in this argument by the KJV Only "Defenders". I encourage you to stay away from them and their arguments. As it says in my NIV Study Bible Introduction, NO BIBLE that was translated by MAN (Including KJV and ALL the others) is without some mistakes.

We are to follow the Spirit of Christ, not the letter which kills. The words of God are designed to lead us to the Spirit of Christ, not to turn us into a legalistic word detectives, who trip over tiny pebbles and then miss the BIG point of working out our faith in love and obedience to God.

Millions have been saved without even having a Bible. They heard the word of God and believed. They received the Holy Spirit and were led by the Spirit, becoming "Sons of God".

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (2Co 3:6) God Bless you! Michael Chriswell
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