

“Line Upon Line – Ep. 9” was posted on YouTube by It is Written on 9/7/20. John Bradshaw and Eric Flickinger sit at a table and answer various “Bible” questions that have been emailed to them. John said, “We go to the Word of God and do our very best to find in the Word of God an answer to the questions that are burning in your mind.” Note that both “Bible” and “Word of God” are singular. It’s not clear what they consider to be the “Word of God” since John uses mostly the King James Version (KJV) in this video and Eric mostly the New King James Version (NKJV). As you will see, Eric runs into some problems.

At around 3:40 it’s Eric’s turn to answer a question a question about what is a church. One of the verses he uses is:

“I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,”
Colossians 1:24 from the NKJV.

That verse clearly says something in Christ’s afflictions was “lacking.” It also says Paul is making up for what was “lacking” in Christ’s afflictions by his own; i.e., Paul’s suffering. Did Paul make up for something that was “lacking” in Jesus?

“Who now rejoice in my suffering for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body’s sake, which is the church:”
Colossians 1:24 from the KJV.

I will agree that the KJV verse may take a little study to understand but all one needs is an ENGLISH dictionary; no Greek or Hebrew is needed. We’ll go to the definition of the word “behind.”

“Future, or remaining to be endured. And fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh. Col. i.” See definition number 4 of “behind” in Noah Webster’s 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language.

Paul is not making up for anything lacking in what Jesus did. He is enduring the afflictions that come to a follower of Christ. I doubt Eric saw there was a problem in his NKJV.

Around 23:57 Grace had a “Bible” question. Notice that “Bible” is singular just like “Word of God” is singular. She asked, “If when we die, we are asleep in our graves waiting for the Resurrection, where is our spirit/soul?” Grace obviously considers “spirit” and “soul” the same entity. Unfortunately, it’s Eric’s turn to try to answer this question using his fake bible. The first verse put up is:

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” Genesis 2:7 from the NKJV.

Unfortunately for Eric, his fake bible doesn’t say what he wants it to say so he is forced to say “the King James says, a living soul.”

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” Genesis 2:7 from the KJV.

At this point, Eric’s NKJV is abandoned except for one passage. Here are the verses quoted; first from the NKJV and then from the bible that was used.

“Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.” Revelation 16:3 from the NKJV.

“And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became the blood as of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea.” Revelation 16:3 from the KJV.

“And in all we were two hundred and seventy-six persons on the ship.” Acts 27:37 from the NKJV.

“In all, we were two hundred seventy-six souls on the ship.” Acts 27:37 from the World English Bible (WEB).

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 from the NKJV.

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“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 from the NKJV.

In all those verses except for the last passage quoted, something other than the NKJV was used. In the first two, the NKJV didn’t say “soul” or “souls” so they couldn’t use it to prove their point. For the second “Bible” used (the WEB) they could have used the KJV but chose to use a fake internet “Bible” based on the 1901 American Standard Version because it also said what they wanted it to say. I guarantee there are verses in the WEB they wouldn’t want to use if it dawned on them what the problems were.

You might have trouble seeing what is wrong with 1 Thessalonians 4:16-7 from the NKJV. The NKJV says “an archangel” while the KJV says “the archangel.” I doubt this duo know this but saying “an archangel” means there is more than one archangel like Gabriel and Raphael as Roman Catholics believe. There is only one archangel and that is Jesus Christ so it should be “the archangel.”

Except for being from a fake bible I saw nothing wrong with the reading of 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 from the NKJV.

There was further discussion about death, the soul, etc. Eric said, “we became a living being or a living soul.” No Eric, your “Bible” said “living being.” “Bible” is singular; it says one thing or the other; you can’t have it both ways.

John said, “The body goes to the grave; the breath goes where? Goes out but the Bible says the spirit goes back to God who gave it.” John needs a couple of Bible passages to prove this but doesn’t mention a specific passage. In fact, John can’t use the NKJV for this. The following are the passages John needs from both the NKJV and the KJV.

“As long as my breath is in me, and the breath of God in my nostrils.” Job 27:3 from the NKJV.

“All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils.” Job 27:3 from the KJV.

“Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish.” Psalms 146:3-4 from the NKJV.

“Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. Psalms 146:3-4.

“Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.” Ecclesiastes 12:7 from the NKJV.

“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Ecclesiastes 12:7 from the KJV.

Job 27:3 is very important as it shows that “breath” and “spirit” mean the same thing. You can’t use the NKJV to show this as there is no “spirit” in that verse.

If you try to use just the NKJV to explain Psalms 146:3-4 you run into two big problems. You can’t prove that when it says “spirit departs” it means the breath departs because of the lack of “spirit” in Job 27:3. The NKJV doesn’t say the “thoughts” perish but rather the “plans” perish. Reading the NKJV you could believe that the spirit goes to God and the plans on earth come to an end. It doesn’t show that the deceased is sleeping and aware of nothing.

For Ecclesiastes 12:7 you also run into the spirit problem in the NKJV because of the lack of “spirit” in Job 27:3. Without Job 27:3 as in the KJV, you could easily believe the spirit was some conscious entity that departed the body at death.

John says, “There’s no reason to overcomplicate what’s really a pretty simple thing.” Well John, if you and Eric had just used the Protestant Bible, you wouldn’t have had to overcomplicate anything. He also said, “The Bible answers these questions clearly.” That is true only if using the KJV.

Those that believe in the immortality of the soul, believe the soul, or spirit, departs the body at death in a conscious state. They believe that at the resurrection the soul or spirit is reunited with their resurrected body. You can’t use the NKJV verses listed above to show that isn’t so.

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