

# **Final Authority: Locating God's Word in English**

**The Place of Preservation Part Two**

# The Viewpoint of Faith

- Point 1 What is Inspiration: II Timothy 3:16—the Bible's claim for itself is that every word of scripture was given by inspiration of God. God's design in Inspiration was to make the living and the written word equal.
- Point 2 What is Preservation?: Psalm 12:6-7—the doctrine of preservation teaches that the very words God inspired are the same words he is going to preserve. The doctrines of inspiration and preservation go hand in hand; you can't have one without the other.
- Point 3 Why is Preservation Necessary?: Preservation is necessary because of the Satanic policy of evil to destroy the final authority of the Word of God. He does so by creating a competing authority to the truth of God. Thus forcing you to decide and become your own authority.

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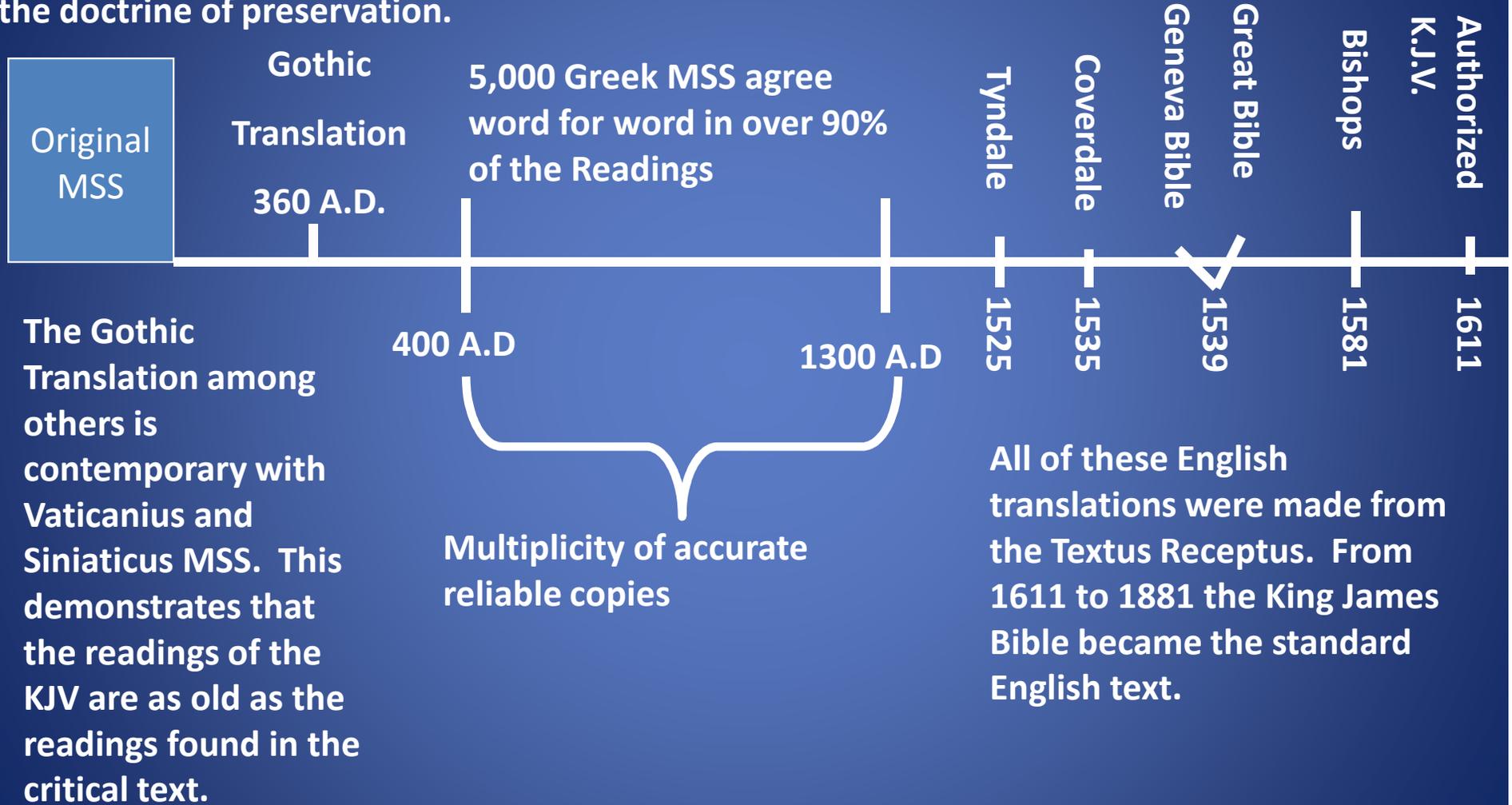
- Point 4 The Process of Preservation: The originals no longer exist and are not the issue with God. God's design is to preserve his word through a multiplicity of accurate reliable copies that carry as much weight and authority as the originals.
- Point 5 The People of Preservation: God always oversaw the copying process of the word of God. He did so by establishing a group of men whose job it was to guard the word of God.
  - Time Past-Tribe of Levi.
  - Dispensation of Grace—New Testament Prophet

# Reconstruction of the Text

- Definition of Textual Criticism: this activity involves the study of manuscripts of the Bible, those written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, as well as ancient translations into other languages like Latin or Coptic. Its goal is to reconstruct the original text of the Bible from this vast wealth of information.
- As we try to locate God's preserved word what should we be looking for?
- A multiplicity of accurate reliable copies.

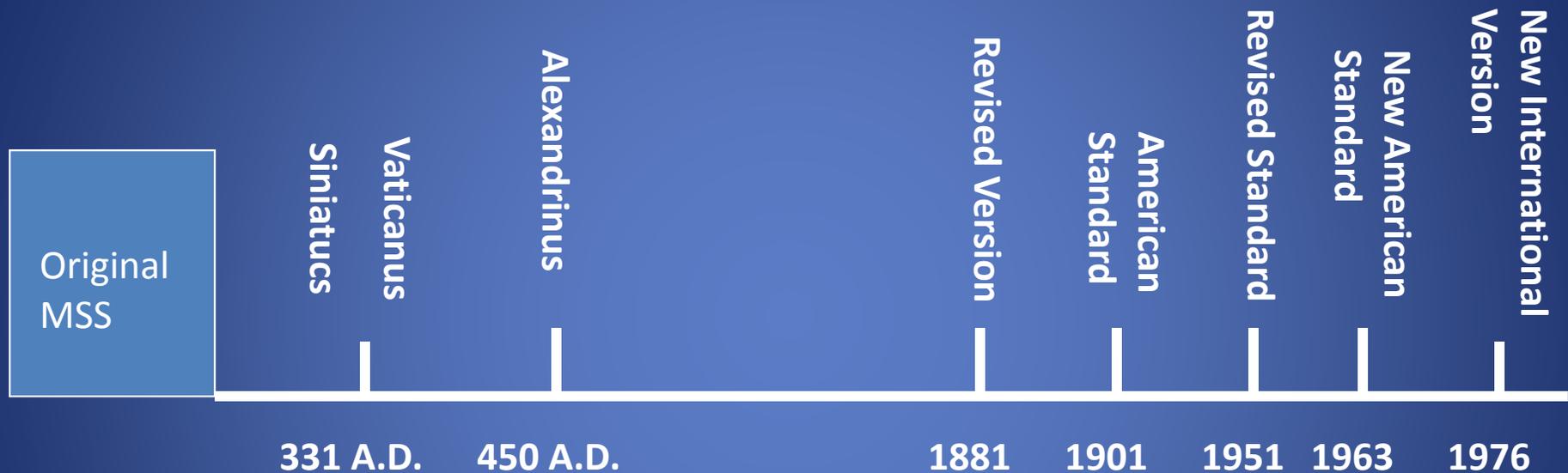
# The Preserved Text

**Preserved Text:** represents the vast majority (90+%) of all Greek MSS (5,000). The Textus Receptus (i.e. Received Text) is witnessed by the majority of MSS, in addition to early translations and Patristic Lectionaries. The TR represents the multiplicity of copies required by the doctrine of preservation.



# The Critical Text

Critical Text: follows a small handful of MSS from the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries. These readings are often supported by less than ten MSS and sometimes by as few as a couple. Not only do these MSS disagree with the majority, but they also disagree amongst themselves. This text is favored by Westcott and Hort, who took a humanistic approach to reconstructing the NT Text.



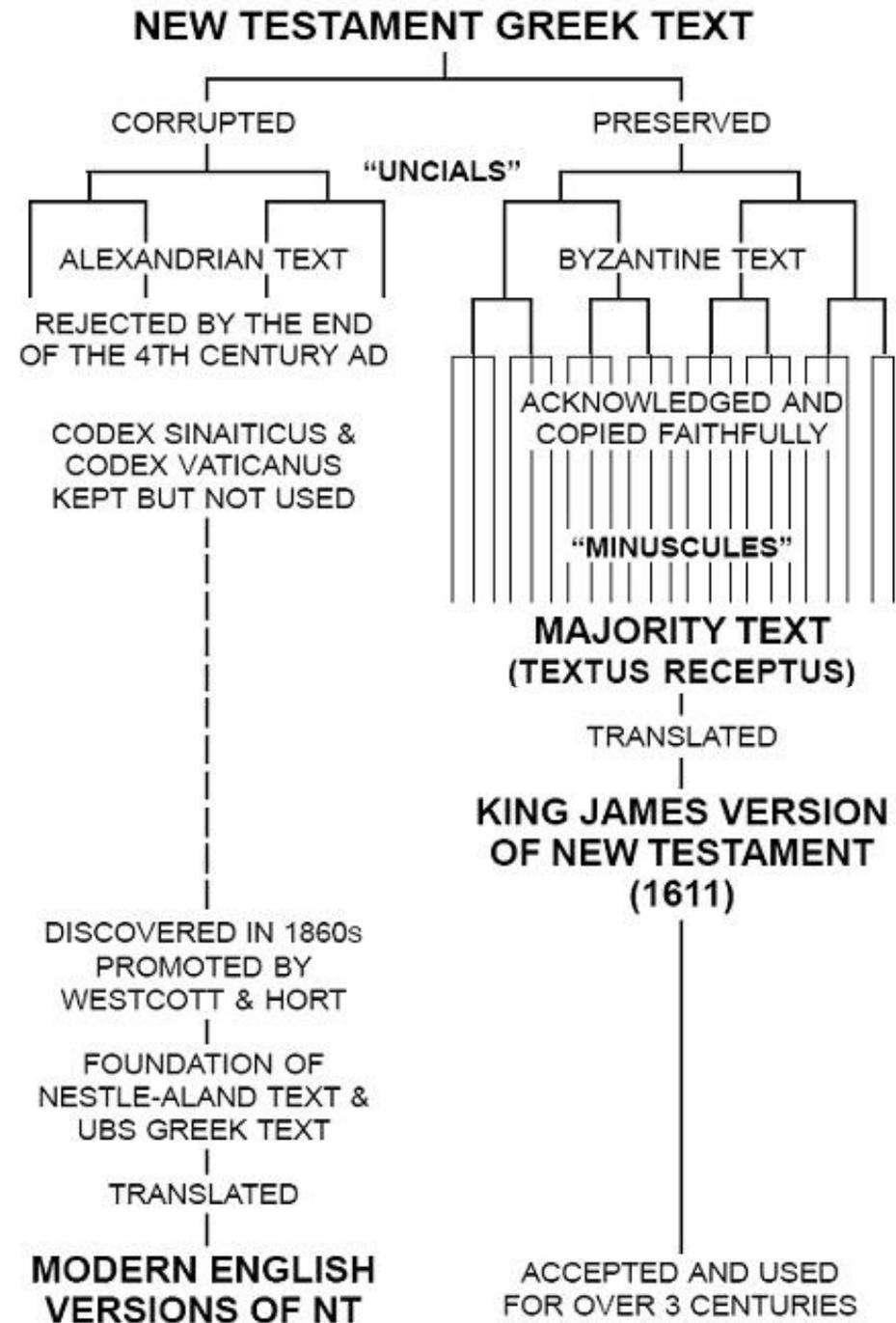
The textual theory of Westcott and Hort asserts the following:

1. Older MSS are better
2. Shorter readings are better
3. TR readings are longer, more recent, and are therefore corrupt

Nearly every Bible (exception: NKJV) that has been translated into English since 1881 has followed the critical textual theories of Westcott and Hort

# Two Kinds of Bibles

- This investigation leads to the following conclusion. There are fundamentally only two different kinds of Bibles. Bibles that follow the TR and the majority of the readings and Bibles that follow the humanistic approach advocated by the supporters of the critical text.



## John 5:3-4

- “Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.” Verse 4 is missing. (NIV)
- In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters; or an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.] (NASV)

“Crowds of sick people-- blind, lame, or paralyzed--lay on the porches.” Verse 4 is missing. (NLT)

## Acts 8:37

- **Missing (NIV)**
- **Missing (NLT)**
- [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."] (NASV) included with brackets indicating the verse is not in the critical text

## Acts 28:29

- **Missing (NIV)**
- **[When he had spoken these words, the Jews departed, having a great dispute among themselves.] (NASV) included with brackets indicating the verse is not in the critical text**
- **Missing (NLT)**

## Romans 16:24

- **Missing (NIV)**
- [The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.](NASV) included with brackets indicating the verse is not in the critical text
- **Missing (NLT)**

## Galatians 3:1

- “You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. “(NIV)
- “You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed {as} crucified?” (NASV)

“Oh, foolish Galatians! What magician has cast an evil spell on you? For you used to see the meaning of Jesus Christ's death as clearly as though I had shown you a signboard with a picture of Christ dying on the cross.” (NLT)

# Colossians 1:14

- “in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (NIV)
- “in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (NASV)

“God has purchased our freedom with his blood [fn] and has forgiven all our sins.” (NLV)

Fn: Some manuscripts do not include *with his blood*.

## Revelation 1:8

- "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." (NIV)

- "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (NASV)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega--the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come, the Almighty One." (NLT)

## Revelation 5:14

- “The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.” (NIV)
- “And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.” (NASV)

“And the four living beings said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped God and the Lamb.” (NLT)

## II Samuel 21:19

- “In another battle with the Philistines at Gob, Elhanan son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite, who had a spear with a shaft like a weaver's rod.” (NIV)
- “There was war with the Philistines again at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.” (NASV)

“In still another battle at Gob, Elhanan son of Jair from Bethlehem killed the brother of Goliath of Gath. The handle of his spear was as thick as a weaver's beam! ” (NLT)

## Isaiah 14:12

- “How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! ” (NIV)
- “How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! ” (NASV)

“How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world. ” (NLT)

## Matthew 5:22

- “But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.” (NIV)
- “But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell. ” (NASV)

“But I say, if you are angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the high council. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell. ” (NLT)

## Mark 1:1-2

- “The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2) It is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” (NIV)
- “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2) As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY; ” (NASV)

“Here begins the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. 2) In the book of the prophet Isaiah, God said, “Look, I am sending my messenger before you, and he will prepare your way. ” (NLT)

## Luke 2:33

- “The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.” (NIV)
- “And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.” (NASV)

“Joseph and Mary were amazed at what was being said about Jesus.” (NLT)

## John 1:18

“No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.}” (NASV)

## II Timothy 2:15

- “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” (NIV)
- “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.” (NASV)

“Work hard so God can approve you. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.” (NLT)

## Galatians 2:7

- “On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as Peter had been to the Jews.” (NIV)
- “But on the contrary, seeing that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised ” (NASV)

“They saw that God had given me the responsibility of preaching the Good News to the Gentiles, just as he had given Peter the responsibility of preaching to the Jews.”  
(NLT)

## Ephesians 3:6

- “This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.” (NIV)
- “to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,” (NASV)

“And this is the secret plan: The Gentiles have an equal share with the Jews in all the riches inherited by God's children. Both groups have believed the Good News, and both are part of the same body and enjoy together the promise of blessings through Christ Jesus.” (NLT)

## Romans 16:25-26

- “Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, 26) but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him- ” (NIV)
- “God is able to make you strong, just as the Good News says. It is the message about Jesus Christ and his plan for you Gentiles, a plan kept secret from the beginning of time. 26) But now as the prophets foretold and as the eternal God has commanded, this message is made known to all Gentiles everywhere, so that they might believe and obey Christ.”(NLT)

# First Principles and the Bible Issue

- First principles are the foundation of knowledge. Without them nothing could be known. First principles undeniably apply to reality. The very denial that first principles apply to reality used first principles in the denial.
- The Principle of Noncontradiction: Being Is Not Nonbeing. Being cannot be nonbeing, for they are direct opposites. And opposites cannot be the same.
- The Principle of Excluded Middle: Either Being or Nonbeing. Since being and nonbeing are opposites (i.e. contradictory), and opposites cannot be the same, nothing can hide in the cracks between being and nonbeing.

# First Principles and the Bible Issue

- Because of the laws of logic it height of lunacy to argue, as many do, that all of these Bibles are the word of God. They cannot all be God's word because they teach opposites and opposites cannot be the same.
- What are the options?
  1. One is right and all others that disagree are wrong
  2. Or they are all wrong.
- The viewpoint of faith will not allow us to conclude that they are all wrong because God promised to preserve his word from this generation forever.

# How Do We Know the KJV is Correct?

- Apply the logic of faith.
- God inspired every word of Scripture.
- God promised to preserve for all eternity the same words he inspired.
- God so fit to preserve his word through a multiplicity of accurate reliable copies that are just as authoritative as the originals.
- The multiplicity of accurate reliable copies are witnessed in the reading of the Textus Receptus.
- In accordance with God's emphasis on the words and not the thoughts or the ideas. The King James translators made a faithful and literal word for word translation of the Preserved Text into English.

# What We Believe

- We believe that the entire Bible is verbally inspired of God and is of plenary authority (II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:20-21) and that God has providentially preserved His completed Word for us today (Psalms 12:6-7, Colossians 1:25, Isaiah 40:8). We believe that the Word of God exists in its preserved form in what is commonly called the Textus Receptus (Received Text) and that the King James Version (KJV) is the best English translation of the Received Text available today. We believe the KJV to be without error and disapprove of all attempts to “correct” the text of the KJV with manuscript evidence or supposed understanding of original languages.