

Intro:

I want to take a break from our Basic Theology study this week to talk about Bible Versions

Read 1 Tim 3.16-17

I. The versions we have used here

- A. Traditionally, since day 1, I have used the KJV for preaching
- B. I have used the New American Standard on Wednesday evenings for some time
- C. We have used the NKJV in Sunday School for some time
- D. The last few weeks I have been using the NASB for our preaching
 - 1. Anybody notice?
 - 2. Comments?

II. The versions I recommend

- A. KJV
- B. NKJV
- C. NASB
- D. ESV

III. The reason why it is not a sin to use different versions

- A. What is a ‘version’? A translation
- B. Can translation render words *exactly* from one language to another? No
- C. If someone says one version is the only one that should be used, what does that make that version? Incapable of error – *i.e.*, inerrant
- D. Does the Bible address versions at all? Not really

IV. The difficulty in changing from one version to another

- A. Tradition!
- B. All versions have strengths and weaknesses
- C. It is difficult to get the whole church to switch to one standard version
 - 1. It is advantageous to ‘all be on the same page’
 - 2. But we all have different likes and dislikes

V. The plans for the future

- A. Currently I'll continue using the NASB for awhile
- B. I may go back to the KJV
- C. I may try one of the other recommended versions
- D. I encourage you, always, to read whatever version you have! (but do consider using a recommended version)