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### The NIV, Worthy Only Of Rejection

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Since the first century A.D. we have the complete revelation of God to man, through His Word -The Bible. Every scripture inspired of God (is) also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness. That the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The wisdom of God is so wonderful and is seen in the giving and the preservation of His Word (Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:25). Today, when we read God's Word in the English, we have to be sure about faithful, accurate, respectful translation. Translators are not inspired; yet, if a translation reproduces the complete, perfect revelation of God, accurately and faithfully, this will be the Bible God gave us. We have the inspired Word of God through translation. Sadly, there are translators who do not accurately and faithfully translate God's Word, but contradict the scriptures to support their own doctrines by changing, omitting, replacing and modifying God's Word. The scholars (many denominations took part in this work) of the New International Version (NIV) have done this! I have much trouble in calling them real scholars. Perverters of God's Word are more like it. The NIV translators changed the Word of God and twisted it to

support their own doctrines. Let us look at some of the passages in which these perverters tamper, alter and monkey with.

Matthew 5:17 in the NIV has Jesus saying He did not come to abolish the law or the prophets; whereas, Ephesians 2:15 has Paul saying by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. The translators apparently did not get together, for here is a flat contradiction. The truth is that Christ did not come to destroy the law or the prophets, but by His death He did abolish the law.

Matthew 5:32 and 19:9 say no one should divorce his wife except for marital unfaithfulness in the NIV. The Greek word *porneia* means prostitution, unchastity, fornication, of every kind of unlawful intercourse (Arndt & Gingrich, p. 699). A man may be martially unfaithful to his wife in many ways and yet never commit fornication.

The NIV translates the Greek word *thlipsis* as great distress in Matthew 24:21, but in Revelation 7:14 the same Greek word is translated the great tribulation. Why an obvious change of rendering in

Matthew 24:21 and Revelation 7:14? There is no reason for this, unless they were hung up on some millennial theory.

John 3:16 the NIV says . . . that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. The KJV has should. They changed only one word: should a subjunctive to shall an absolute. I guess they wanted to teach the doctrine one cannot fall from grace, impossibility of apostasy.

Romans 1:17 the NIV says For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last.... The KJV says For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith .... The Greek does not say it is by faith first to last. That is just plain, old denominational doctrine of salvation by faith only.

Romans 10:10 the NIV says For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. The KJV says For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. The NIV teaches that the sinner is saved (justified) before he puts Christ on in baptism.

Romans 7:18, 25; 8:2-3, 5, 8, 12; 13:14; 1 Corinthians 5:5; Galatians 5:13,16,19,24; 6:8; Ephesians 2:3; and Colossians 2:11,13 in the NIV render the Greek word sarx sinful nature. The KJV renders the Greek word flesh. Sinful nature in the NIV is the old Calvinism of original sin, and babies are sinful.

Ephesians 5:19 the NIV says Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord. Music is not the correct word. Music is defined as the science of art of combining vocal, instrumental or mechanical sounds having rhythm, melody, or harmony. (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary). Paul did not say we are to combine vocal or instrumental sounds or tones in

varying melody in worship. The Greek word psallo refers to singing and making melody. This is a bad, wicked, and sinful rendering in the NIV.

There are so many other passages we could have looked at, but this should be enough to show us how dangerous this translation is. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a lair (Proverbs 30:6). The NIV, is worthy only of rejection. NIV cannot be accepted as the inspired Word of God, and should be rejected by Christians.

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#### THINK ABOUT IT!

When a farmer stops plowing his land, stops planting seed, and stops harvesting his crops, he has stopped doing those things that identify him as being a farmer. When a Christian stops attending worship services regularly, stops studying, stops giving as he has been prospered, and has stopped working for the Lord: he has stopped being a Christian because he has stopped doing those things that identify him as a Christian. "By their fruits ye shall know them," (Matthew 7:20).

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**QUITTERS IN THE CHURCH ARE LIKE MOTORS. THEY START SPUTTERING BEFORE THEY MISS, AND MISSING BEFORE THEY QUIT!**

**MANY PEOPLE REGARD RELIGION LIKE A TROLLEY CAR, THEY RIDE JUST AS LONG AS IT IS GOING THEIR WAY.**

**A PINT OF EXAMPLE IS WORTH A BARREL FULL OF ADVICE.**

**HE THAT LIVES ONLY FOR THIS LIFE SHALL LIVE ONLY IN THIS LIFE.**