

YOU ONLY NEED ONE BIBLE

WHY HAVING MORE IS NOT BETTER

*"That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God,
even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

~ Romans 15:6

1. The Problem of One

- a. I am a Bible believer (bad enough for some), but not an any Bible believer
 - i. Now common advice: "Any will do" "None better" "Choose your preference"
 - ii. Authorities say the real words are in the originals anyway, but which one?
- b. I am a Bible believer, and I know which one.
 - i. Uttering "King James" is received as poison, or chanted with cult like fervor
 - ii. 410 years ago, the greatest English translation of the Bible was published
 - iii. ECPA reports KJB as 2nd bestselling Bible (despite product placement)
- c. I am a one Bible believer, because you only need one.

2. More Not Always Better

- a. *Consider*, wives, laws, units, genders, dictionary, gods, language
- b. Bible ~*def.* The book, by way of eminence; the authority, standard, one above all; 'which contains the revelations of God, principles of Christian faith, rules of practice.'
- c. Before King James, "An act for the reducing the diversities of Bibles ... to one"
- d. King James championed the idea of "one people" and "one Bible", many agreed.
- e. Only recently have 'experts' convinced the masses not to trust ~~only~~ any one
- f. The problem is not "which one?", the problem is "one only" or "not one only"

3. The Dangers of Multiplied Bibles

- a. 1) God inspired only one book 2Ti 3:16 – it must be preserved and translated as one.
 - i. 'Any Bible will do' weakens inspiration or preservation
- b. 2) The body of Christ is one Eph 4:3-6 – one Bible unites us in communion Ps 133:1
 - i. 'Any Bible' divides into preferences, sects, hinders growth together 1 Cor 1:10
- c. 3) One authority is the strength of the church – Rom 15:6, Rom 3:4, 1 Tim 3:15
 - i. Differing convictions, but one book to quote, reference, use, preach, persuade
 - ii. 'Any Bible' weakens us, displaces authority to us, experts, translators
- d. 4) One Bible creates a common language – Col 3:16, 4:16, 1 Thess 5:27
 - i. 'Any Bible' means we are reading different texts and cannot communicate
- e. 5) Identifying one perpetuates preservation and translation – Matt 5:18
 - i. You can't preserve something you can't identify. Rom 4:3, 11:2, Gal 4:30
 - ii. Many languages, but the goal is one book in all – Col 1:6, 1 Tim 2:4
 - iii. 'Any Bible' means it can never be preserved or translated perfectly.
- f. More than one Bible breeds confusion → Not one = none.
 - i. One should stand above, alone, authoritatively.
 - ii. You only need one – Believe it. Study it. Do not change it, let it change you.