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CHAPTER 18



THE HOLY BIBLE

New Testament

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Paul's Ministry in Corinth

1 After these things Paul departed from Athens and came to Corinth.

2 He found a certain Jew named Aquila, a man of Pontus by race, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome. He came to them,

3 and because he practised the same trade, he lived with them and worked, for by trade they were tent makers.

4 He reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath and persuaded Jews and Greeks.

5 When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

6 When they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook out his clothing and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am clean. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!"

7 He departed there and went into the house of a certain man named Justus, one who worshipped God, whose house was next door to the synagogue.

8 Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his house. Many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptised.

9 The Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Don't be afraid, but speak and don't be silent;

10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many people in this city."

11 He lived there a year and six months, teaching the word of God amongst them.

Paul Before Gallio

12 But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgement seat,

13 saying, "This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the law."

14 But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If indeed it were a matter of wrong or of wicked crime, you Jews, it would be reasonable that I should bear with you;

15 but if they are questions about words and names and your own law, look to it yourselves. For I don't want to be a judge of these matters." 16 So he drove them from the judgement seat.

17 Then all the Greeks seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgement seat. Gallio didn't care about any of these things.

Paul Returns to Antioch

18 Paul, having stayed after this many more days, took his leave of the brothers and sisters, and sailed from there for Syria, together with Priscilla and Aquila. He shaved his head in Cenchreae, for he had a vow.

19 He came to Ephesus, and he left them there; but he himself entered into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

20 When they asked him to stay with them a longer time, he declined;

21 but taking his leave of them, he said, "I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem, but I will return again to you if God wills." Then he set sail from Ephesus.

22 When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the assembly, and went down to Antioch.

Paul's Third Missionary Journey

23 Having spent some time there, he departed and went through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, in order, establishing all the disciples.

24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by race, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus. He was mighty in the Scriptures.

25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, although he knew only the baptism of John.

26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside, and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

27 When he had determined to pass over into Achaia, the brothers encouraged him; and wrote to the disciples to receive him. When he had come, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace;

28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews, publicly showing by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

ABOUT EDGE LIFE BIBLE

WHAT IS THE HOLY BIBLE?

The Holy Bible is a collection of books and letters written by many people who were inspired by the Holy Spirit of God. These books tell us how we can be saved from the evil of this world and gain eternal life that is truly worth living. Although the Holy Bible contains rules of conduct, it is not just a rule book. It reveals God's heart—a Father's heart, full of love and compassion. The Holy Bible tells you what you need to know and believe to be saved from sin and evil and how to live a life that is truly worth living, no matter what your current circumstances may be.

The Holy Bible consists of two main sections: the Old Testament (including Psalms and Proverbs) and the New Testament (Matthew through Revelation). The Old Testament records God's interaction with mankind before He sent His son to redeem us, while recording prophecy predicting that coming. The New Testament tells us of God's Son and Anointed One, Jesus, and the wonderful salvation that He purchased for us.

The same Holy Spirit who inspired the Holy Bible is living amongst us today, and He is happy to help you understand what He intended as you study His Word. Just ask Him, and He is more than happy to help you apply His message to your life.

The Old Testament was originally written mostly in Hebrew. The New Testament was originally written mostly in the common street Greek (not the formal Greek used for official legal matters). The Holy Bible is translated into many languages, and being translated into many more, so that everyone may have an opportunity to hear the Good News about Jesus Christ ["Christ" means "Anointed One"].

WHY WAS THE EDGE LIFE BIBLE TRANSLATED?

There are already many good translations of the Holy Bible into contemporary English. Unfortunately, almost all of them are restricted by copyright and copyright-holder policy. This restricts the publication and republication of God's Word in many ways, such as in downloadable files on the Internet, the use of extensive quotations in books, etc. The Edge Life Bible was commissioned by God in response to prayer about this subject.

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HOW WAS THE EDGE LIFE BIBLE TRANSLATED?

The Edge Life Bible is an update of the American Standard Version (ASV) of the Holy Bible, published in 1901. A custom computer program updated the archaic words and word forms to contemporary equivalents, and then a team of volunteers proofread and updated the grammar. The New Testament was updated to conform to the Majority Text reconstruction of the original Greek manuscripts, thus taking advantage of the superior access to manuscripts that we have now compared to when the original ASV was translated.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THE EDGE LIFE BIBLE?

The style of the Edge Life Bible, while fairly literally translated, is in informal, spoken English.

The Edge Life Bible is designed to sound good and be accurate when read aloud. It is not formal in its language, just as the original Greek of the New Testament was not formal.

The ELB uses contractions rather freely.

The Edge Life Bible New Testament does capitalise pronouns pertaining to God. The original manuscripts made no such distinction. Hebrew has no such thing as upper and lower case, and the original Greek manuscripts were written in all upper-case letters. Attempting to add in such a distinction raises some difficulties in translating dual-meaning Scriptures such as the coronation psalms. The Edge Life Bible main edition translates God's Proper Name in the Old Testament as "Yahweh." The International British Edition of the Edge Life Bible translates the same name as "LORD" (all capital letters), or when used with "Lord" (mixed case, translated from "Adonai"), GOD. There are solid translational arguments for both traditions.

Because Edge Life Bible uses the Majority Text as the basis for the New Testament, you may notice the following differences in comparing the ELB to other translations:

The order of Matthew 23:13 and 14 is reversed in some translations.

Luke 17:36 and Acts 15:34, which are not found in the majority of the Greek Manuscripts (and are included in the ELB) may be included in some other translations.

Romans 14:24-26 in the ELB may appear as Romans 16:25-27 in other translations.

1 John 5:7-8 contains an addition in some translations, including the KJV. Erasmus admitted adding this text to his published Greek New Testament, even though he could at first find no Greek manuscript support for it, because he was being pressured by men to do so, and because he didn't see any doctrinal harm in it. Lots of things not written by John in this letter are true, but we decline to add them to what the Holy Spirit inspired through John.

With all of the above and some other places where lack of clarity in the original manuscripts has led to multiple possible readings, significant variants are as a result we've used wisdom from the Holy Spirit whether they are added into the text.

We are concerned of the growing support of relegating any text that is too uncomfortable for the reader down into the footnotes in tiny print. The Edge Life Bible bring all the Holy Scripture out of the footnotes into the main text using [] to show the reader it may not be the original text or it is often and explanation of the previous word for better clarity.

Many online versions of the Bible and apps don't have the words of **Jesus in RED**, the Edge Life Bible does. We find it very helpful to the reader.

Plus, we also include a PDF of the Scriptures for the reader to download at no cost, to share or use for personal or group study.

Also, we have included audio reading of the Scriptures. They will differ slightly because they don't include the footnotes.

The reading that in our prayerful judgement is best is in the main text. Overall, the Edge Life Bible doesn't differ very much from several other good contemporary English translations of the Holy Bible.

The message of Salvation through Jesus Christ is still the same. The point of this translation was not to be very different (except for legal status), but to update the ASV for readability while retaining or improving the accuracy of that well-respected translation and retaining the public domain status of the ASV.

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