

Leoni Church of Christ **Light** for Leoni and the World
*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105)*



Randy Kea

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- Sun. 9:00am — The King James Version, The Best English Version, #1
- 9:45am — The King James Version, The Best English Version, #2
- 6:00pm — Certainty in a Day of Doubt
- Mon. 7:00pm — The Bible Church
- Tues. 7:00pm — The Holy Spirit and His Work
- Wed. 7:00pm — Last Things

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READ THE PREFACE!

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It is clear that modern translations add to, subtract, substitute, and alter the Word of God. The Bible itself is filled with warnings against such perversions (Deut 4:2; 12:32; Prov 30:5-6; 2 Cor 2:17; 4:2; Gal 1:6-9; 2 Peter 3:15-16; Rev 22:18-19).

It is enlightening to read the prefaces of the modern translations. This will give insight into the attitudes of the translator toward the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures. In the preface of the *New International Version* we read that the translators “have striven for more than a word-for-word translation” and that “to achieve clarity the translators sometimes supplied words not in the original text but required by the context” (Preface pg iv-v). In the *New English Bible* New Testament the preface indicates that the translators had taken the “liberty of introducing into a passage

something which is not there, to elucidate the meaning which is there...” In the one-man translation by J. B. Phillips, *The New Testament in Modern English*, the preface reads concerning New Testament writers, “I am convinced that they had no idea that they were writing Holy Scripture” (pg vi). In the preface of the *Revised Standard Version* they indicate that they could not be “content” with “mechanically exact, word-for-word translations, which follow the order of the Greek words, so far as this is possible.”

When translators write in their own prefaces that they are not concerned with verbal translations, that they have introduced and supplied words that are not in the text and they reject the inspiration of Bible writers, one should not be surprised at the product they produce when they translate.

IS JESUS COMING SOON?

We keep hearing that the current world situation indicates that Jesus is about to return. What does the Bible actually say?

Jesus promised, “I will come again” (John 14:3). At the time of His ascension the promise is reaffirmed. “*This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven*” (Acts 1:11). The promise of the Lord’s second coming is taught clearly, emphatically and repeatedly in the New Testament. In fact, about one out of every 25 verses in the New Testament refers either directly or indirectly to His return. However, the one fact which is not revealed about our Lord’s advent is the “time” factor. Listen to these verses:

- 1) “*But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only*” (Matthew 24:36).
- 2) “*Watch therefore: for ye know not what*

hour your Lord doth come” (Matthew 14:42).

3) “*Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh*” (Matthew 24:44).

4) “*Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh*” (Matthew 25:13).

TV preachers are constantly taking the “signs” of Matthew 24:1-34 and applying (we should say mis-applying) them to the second coming. Just a casual glance at Matthew 24 shows that in the first part of the chapter (verses 1-34), Jesus is dealing with a local destruction (the destruction of Jerusalem which occurred in A.D. 70 [see also Luke 21:20 for Luke’s account]). Luke says in verse 34 that the generation of people to whom Jesus spoke these words would see the fulfillment of all the signs and the destruction of Jerusalem. Then in contrast, the Lord says there would be no signs given to indicate that His second coming

was close at hand [verses 36-51]. Notice the clear distinction and contrast between “these things,” “these,” “those days,” and “that day” (Matthew 24:2,8,22,29,33,34,35,36).

Finally, both Paul and Peter teach that Jesus’ return would be like “a thief in the night” (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3; 2 Peter 3:9-14).

A thief does not give warning or signs of his break-in.

Let us be daily prepared for Jesus’ return (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Revelation 22:12-14; John 12:48).

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WE ARE IN NEED OF SALVATION

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Everyone stands in need of the forgiveness of sins because all have sinned (Romans 3:10,23). Our *sins* and *iniquities* have separated us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). Only the humbleness and attitude of little children characterize heaven (Matthew 18:1-4).

Sin is a violation of God’s will. It bars us from His presence and keeps us out of heaven. If we are not godly, then we are ungodly. Peter said, “...*the heavens and the earth are...reserved unto fire against the day of judgement and perdition of ungodly men*” (2 Peter 3:7). That same destruction belongs to all those who reject God’s will. Knowing this, Peter writes, “...*what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation [living] and godliness*” (2 Peter 3:11).

Sin cannot exist in his presence. Those guilty of fornication, adultery, covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, idolatry, homosexuality, and “such like,” have no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God (Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:3-6). All must stop these things because they bring the wrath of God (Colossians 3:5-6; Revelation 21:8). Sin destroys! Men are therefore lost and undone — doomed because of it. Will you be saved from your sins? God does not want anyone to perish. He wants all to repent and obey His will (2 Peter 3:9). He wants all “...*to come unto the knowledge of the truth*” (1 Timothy 2:4).

There are two parts in man’s salvation: **God’s part** and **man’s part**. No one will be saved without both parts. God has accomplished his part. Jesus the Christ went to

the cross and died for every man to make the forgiveness of sins possible (Hebrews 2:9). Jesus fulfilled all prophecy concerning himself and completed God’s part of the redemptive plan (Luke 24:44). The only part lacking is **OUR** part! Man must respond to God’s offer of salvation in order to be saved.

Those who are sinners need to understand that Christ’s delay in coming again has given them another day to obey God and be saved (2 Peter 3:15). There is no promise of tomorrow (Proverbs 27:1). You *can* and *must* do something about your soul’s lost condition because “*NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation*” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

What **MUST** you do to be saved, to have your sins washed away, to be able to stand before God pure and holy, covered by the blood of Jesus? There are five essential things that sinners **MUST DO** to be saved: **1) Hear** the Gospel (Acts 2:37; 4:4; Romans 10:17), **2) Believe** Jesus is the Son of God, the savior (Acts 8:12,37), **3) Repent** of their sins (Acts 2:38; 17:30), **4) Confess** Jesus as the Son of God (Acts 8:37), and **5) Be baptized** in water for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). In the eight examples of conversion in the books of Acts, we are specifically told they heard the Gospel, believed and were baptized!

No one of these five things is any more important than the others and certainly no one of them can be left out. People must **hear** (Romans 10:17) the word of God to have a deep abiding **faith** (Hebrews 11:6) that leads them to **repent** (a change of attitude and action of life, Acts 17:30). That being done, they must

then **confess** (Romans 10:10) they believe in Jesus as the Son of God and be **baptized** (immersed, Acts 2:38) into water for the forgiveness of sins. As these things are completed in baptism, the individual is raised up from the water to walk a “newness of life” (Romans 6:4). In water baptism, one becomes a “new creature” (2 Corinthians 5:17) — all things become “new.”

Water baptism puts one INTO Christ (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27). Salvation is IN Christ (2 Tim. 2:10). How do we get INTO Christ? The Bible answer is by “water baptism.” The only two verses that state this are Romans 6:3 and Galatians 3:27. Both say **one is baptized INTO Christ**. Baptism is the act that completes one’s obedience in the salvation of their soul.

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- SINNER → SALVATION Mark 16:16
- SINNER → REMISSION OF SINS . . Acts 2:38
- SINNER → THE NEW LIFE Romans 6:4
- SINNER → SIN DESTROYED . . . Romans 6:6
- SINNER → WASHING Acts 22:16
- SINNER → CALLING Acts 22:16
- SINNER → THE KINGDOM John 3:5
- SINNER → CLEANSING Ephesians 5:26

- SINNER → DEAD TO SIN Romans 6:7-12
- SINNER → FREE FROM SIN . . Romans 6:18
- SINNER → SALVATION 1 Peter 3:21
- SINNER → FORGIVENESS Col. 2:11-12
- SINNER → CHRIST’S BLOOD . . Romans 6:3
- SINNER → A CHILD OF GOD . . . Gal. 3:26-27
- SINNER → DEATH OF CHRIST . . Romans 6:3
- SINNER → NEW CREATURE . . Romans 6:4-5
- SINNER → GOOD CONSCIENCE . . 1 Peter 3:21
- SINNER → PUTTING ON CHRIST Gal. 3:26-27
- SINNER → RAISED WITH CHRIST . Rom. 6:4
- SINNER → PUTTING OFF SINS . . Col. 2:11-12
- SINNER → SANCTIFICATION Eph. 5:26
- SINNER → BODY OF CHRIST . . 1 Cor. 12:13

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