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Presenting *every man* perfect in Christ Jesus. Colossians 1:28

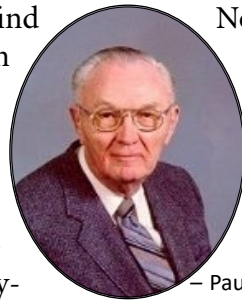
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Reflections on Ephesians

by — Cornelius R. Stam (1909-2003)

There is no epistle in which we find more about the *grace*¹ of God than that great and wonderful epistle of Paul to the Ephesians! It is one of his Prison Epistles, and, interestingly enough, he was literally in jail *for telling a secret*, the secret of “*the Mystery*”² (Ephesians 6:19-20). Evidently he had a great deal of opposition in trying to make this secret known. That’s rather unusual, isn’t it?

The Ephesian epistle was probably written about 64 A.D. and was evidently sent by the hand of a man named Tychicus (6:21-22), along with two other letters, one to the Colossians and that to Philemon (Colossians 4:7-9, *cf.* Philemon 10-12). Never were more valuable documents entrusted to human hands!



Now, in the earlier epistles³ of Paul, we learn a great deal about dispensational change and development, but in Ephesians⁴ we have ►

1. [Editor:] For more information on grace, see:
 - The Nature of Grace, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #274](#); or see *Daily Goodies*, January 18, same title (book, see order form);
 - Divine Justice and Grace, Steve McVey, [Bible Student's Notebook #290](#);
 - God will Judge in Grace, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #505](#);
 - Reigning in Life: The Present Effect of Super-Abundant Grace, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #75](#).
2. [Editor:] For more information about “*the Mystery*” and its “*Secret Administration*,” see:
 - What Is the Mystery? A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #516](#);
 - The Present Secret Administration, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #575](#);
 - A New Administration at the Close of Acts, Adlai Loudy: Part 1, [Bible Student's Notebook #562](#); Part 2, [Bible Student's Notebook #563](#);
 - The Pentecost, Readjustment & Secret Administrations, Adlai Loudy, [Bible Student's Notebook #497](#);
 - Acts 28: The Dispensational Boundary, Charles H. Welch, [Bible Student's Notebook #550](#);
 - The Ranking Revelation of the Prison Epistles, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #524](#).

- 3. [Editor:] For more information on Paul’s early epistles (letters), see:
 - The Chronological Order of Paul’s Epistles (Their Dispensational Significance), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #319](#);
 - Paul’s Earlier Epistles, F. H. Robison, Part 1, [Bible Student's Notebook #669](#); Part 2, [Bible Student's Notebook #670](#);
 - The Letters of Paul, Danny Russino, [Bible Student's Notebook #502](#);
 - The Nature of Paul’s Early Epistles, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #505](#);
 - The Lord’s Coming in the Early Epistles, Charles H. Welch, [Bible Student's Notebook #486](#);
 - Paul’s Previous Epistles Need Minor Modifications, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #490](#);
 - Right Division Includes Paul, Stephen Hill, [Bible Student's Notebook #487](#);
 - Organically the Same: Constitutionally Different – The Distinction Between the Pre-Prison and Prison Epistles, Vladimir Gelesnoff, [Bible Student's Notebook #509](#);
 - The Acts Period and the Acts Period Epistles, Tom Ballinger, [Bible Student's Notebook #604](#);
 - The Acts of the Apostles and Paul’s Epistles: Considered Historically and Dispensationally, J.J.B. Coles, [Bible Student's Notebook #613](#).
- 4. [Editor:] For a look at Paul’s Perfection Epistles, see:
 - Paul’s Perfection Epistles, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #310](#);
 - Paul’s Previous Epistles Need Minor Modifications, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #490](#);
 - Present Truth Is Found in Paul’s Latest Epistles, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #515](#);
 - Organically the Same: Constitutionally Different – The Distinction Between the Pre-Prison and Prison Epistles, Vladimir Gelesnoff, [Bible Student's Notebook #509](#);

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arrived and find ourselves on the highest, broadest spiritual ground. Here the holy spirit reveals to us, in all their fullness, those blessed truths which distinguish this dispensation⁵ from others.

For example, the mystery or the *sacred secret* is here revealed in all its fullness. He says that this secret is “now made known” (1:9) through him (3:1-3), but it is for all to see (3:9), for it concerns our close relationship to Christ (5:30, 32), and, since Satan will oppose the proclamation of this secret, boldness is

– The Ranking Revelation of the Prison Epistles, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #524](#).

5. [Editor:] For a foundational study of “Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth,” see:

- *God's Eonian Purpose*, Adlai Loudy (see order form);
- *The Foundations of Dispensational Truth*, Dr. E.W. Bullinger (see order form);
- the continuing series Right Division (An Overview of Dispensational Truth), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.,
 - [Part 1, Bible Student's Notebook #551](#);
 - [Part 2, Bible Student's Notebook #552](#);
 - [Part 3, Bible Student's Notebook #553](#);
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 - [Part 8, Bible Student's Notebook #558](#);
 - [Part 9, Bible Student's Notebook #559](#);
 - [Part 10, Bible Student's Notebook #570](#).
- The Address on the Envelope, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #326](#); also found in *God's Holy Nation: Israel and Her Earthly Purpose*, Appendix 3, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form);
- Parallel, Not Identical, C.F. Baker, found in *God's Holy Nation: Israel and Her Earthly Purpose*, Appendix 5, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., (see order form).

needed to proclaim it (6:19-20).

In this epistle, the one Body of Christ, the Church⁶ of this dispensation, is emphasized throughout. The whole Body, he says, is the fullness, the *complement*,⁷ the fullness of Christ (1:23). He says that God is making one new man today (2:15), reconciling Jews and Gentiles to Himself in one Body (2:16), a *joint* Body (3:6), in which we are to keep the unity of the spirit (4:3-4).⁸ The Body, he says, must “grow up,” and

6. [Editor:] The Greek word often translated as “church” in most English versions is ἐκκλησία (*ekklesia*, or *ecclesia*). The word is a compound word meaning “called-out” (*ek* = “out”; *kaleō* = “called”). The *ecclesia* is God’s “called-out” ones. The *ecclesia* is not a building or denomination; not a meeting, or doctrinal creed; it is not somewhere we go, or something we do, it is who we as believers are. For more information see:

- *The Outsiders*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form);
- *The “Ecclesias” (Churches) of the Scriptures*, Adlai Loudy (see order form).

7. [Editor:] For more information about the complement, see:

- The Complement Which Completes, Frank Neil Pohorlak, [Bible Student's Notebook #455](#).

8. [Editor:] For more information on Father’s desire for unity in the Body of Christ, see:

- Freedom from Identifying and Assigning Motives, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #266](#);
- Be Likeminded, Daniel Anderson, Parts 1 & 2, [Bible Student's Notebook #503](#) & [#504](#);
- Our Attitude Towards Others, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #549](#);
- Divisiveness and Contention – and Our Divine Calling to Peace, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #571](#);
- Paul’s Stern Warnings Against Divisiveness and Contention, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #571](#);
- Paul’s 10 Greek Words Warning Against a Divisive Spirit, (Chart), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #572](#);

The
Restitution
of All Things

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,
Which was, and is, and is to come.”

George R. Hawtin

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The Restitution of All Things

by — George R. Hawtin (1909-1994)

Hawtin was once widely known in Pentecostal, Latter Rain and British Israelite movements. He was a pastor, teacher, expositor and editor of the monthly publication, *The Page*, and the book series, *Treasures of Truth*.

He writes regarding his subject: “I do not wish to over-emphasize the importance of this ... truth, but I am constrained to say that these truths are of immense importance because they are foundational. Upon their firm footing rests the whole superstructure of God’s plan of the ages. If we cannot see how in the very beginning

God created man for the specific purpose of ruling the universe, and to have dominion over all of the vast sidereal with its infinite space and multi-billion galaxies, then we have missed the heart of God’s intention completely and we become doomed to spend our lives in the idle pettifogging of the Romish and Protestant systems, which give neither reason for man’s existence nor cause for his humiliation and fiery testings. ... Even redemption, full and complete as it is and in spite of its infinite cost, will fail to reconcile and save more than one percent of all creation, if the fruitless interpretations of the Babylonish system are to be believed.” – *Introduction*

it must “*build itself up in love*” (4:11-16). Christ is the Head of the Body and its Savior (5:23), and we are the members (5:30). How *close* that brings all believers to each other! How close it brings us to *Christ*!

Our position in the Heavens⁹ is prominently brought out in this epistle. We read that we are blessed with all spiritual blessings in the Heavens (1:3). We're told that God's power in raising Christ from the dead and exalting Him far above all is now extended to us-ward (1:19-21). Positionally, he says, we've already been raised from the dead and seated in the Heavens (2:6). Now, he says, it is ours to occupy this position¹⁰ by faith, as a witness to the principalities and powers in the Heavens (3:10). Hence we must wrestle with the rulers of the darkness of

this age, wicked spirits in the Heavens (6:12). For this, he says, we're going to need the whole armor of God (6:10-11).¹¹

In this epistle, all is *grace*. Read Ephesians and see how it is *permeated* with grace. Even the salutation speaks of “*grace and peace*” (1:2). Compare that with what we read about the second coming of Christ to this Earth, where He will come to “*judge and make war*” (Revelation 19:11). “*Grace and peace*” is the exact *opposite* of judgment and war!

Now the doxology – oh, what a doxology of *grace*! The doxology in the Ephesian¹² epistle is the lon- ►

- Contention's Entrance and Exit – Wisdom from the Book of Proverbs, “Reason” or “Argue”? and Unbelieving Believers, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #573](#);
- Making Peace, Aaron Locker, [Bible Student's Notebook #573](#).

9. [Editor:] For more information about the celestial realm, see:

- The Heavenly Realms, John H. Essex; Ruling the Celestials, A.E. Knoch; Opposition Among the Celestials, Donald G. Hayter, [Bible Student's Notebook #519](#);
- Our Realm: Inherently Celestial, John H. Essex, [Bible Student's Notebook #520](#);
- Blessings Among the Celestials, John H. Essex, (Part 1, [Bible Student's Notebook #611](#); Part 2, [#612](#));
- God's Celestial Purpose (Paul's Letter to the Ephesians), John H. Essex (see order form).

10. [Editor:] For more information on *Identification and Union* (i.e., “Positional” Truths), see:

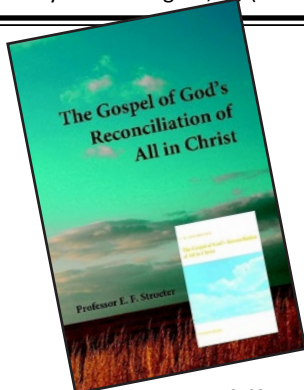
- Established – Strengthened – Settled, E.W. Bullinger, [Bible Student's Notebook #96](#), also available as a separate article [online](#);
- The Believer's Standing and State, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #161](#), also available as a separate article [online](#);
- The Believer's Union and Identification in Christ, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #237](#);
- *I Am! Who and What God Says I Am! The Divine Reckoning of the Renewed Mind*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., (book, see order form), also in [Bible Student's Notebooks #259, #260, #261, #262, #263](#) as a 5-part study with the same title;
- *Being OK with Not Being OK: Embracing God's Design for You*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., (book, see order form).

11. [Editor:] For more information on “spiritual warfare,” see:

- *The Believer's Warfare, Wearing the Armor of Light in the Darkness of this World*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. (see order form).
- *Check Your Panoply: The Whole Armor of God*, Herman H. Rocke (see order form);
- The Celestial Conflict, A.E. Knoch ([Bible Student's Notebook #521](#)).

12. [Editor:] For further study on the Book of Ephesians, see:

- *The Church Epistles*, E.W. Bullinger, see order from under “Bullinger;”
- *God's Celestial Purpose*, John Essex, see order from under “Essex;”
- *In Heavenly Places*, Charles Welch, see order from under “Welch;”
- *Paul's Ephesians*, Adlai Loudy, see order from under “Loudy;”
- *The Prayers of Ephesians*, E.W. Bullinger, see order form under “Bullinger;”
- *Rooted and Grounding in Love: Studies in Ephesians*, A.E. Knoch, see order form under “Knoch;”
- *Standing and State*, William Root, see order from under “Other Authors;”
- *To Enlighten All to the Secret*, A.E. Knoch, see order from under “Knoch;”
- “*With Him*,” Leon Tucker, see order from under “Tucker;”
- *The Fellowship of the Mystery*, Ike T. Sidebottom, see order form under “Other Authors,” also parts 1-3 in the [Bible Student's Notebook, #359, #360, #361](#);
- *The Fruit of Ephesians*, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #574](#);
- *The Glory of Ephesians*, E.H. Clayton, [Bible Student's Notebook #450](#);
- *The Heavenly Allotment and an Entirely New Humanity in Ephe-*



268 pp., PB

The Gospel of God's Reconciliation of All in Christ

by — Professor E.F. Stroeter (1846-1922)

This classic work was written by a friend and associate of A.E. Knoch, Arno C. Gaebelein, and G.E. Hiller. This has to do with God's plan, not only for us present believers, but also for those who will yet see how God loves them in the ages to come, through whatever means God sees fit and knows best how to apply in all our lives.

See order form.

gest of all of Paul's doxologies, and in the original it is his longest "sentence." We're blessed because we are *chosen by God the Father* to the praise of His glory (1:4-6). We're *made accepted in the Son* to the praise of His glory. We're *sealed by the spirit* to the praise of His glory. *Glory for His grace!*

All throughout this epistle, everything emanates from the Father. The Father is always the source. The Father has chosen us (1:3-4) according to the good pleasure of His will (:5), according to the riches of His grace (:6-7), according to His good pleasure (:9), according to the purpose of Him Who works all things after the counsel of His own¹³ will (:11), according to the working of His mighty power (:19), and according to His "eternal" [eonian] purpose (3:11). There's more about that in the epistle, showing that everything finds its source¹⁴ in the will of God.

sians, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #523](#);

– The Mystery of Ephesians 3, Richard Holden, [Bible Student's Notebook #625](#).

13. [Editor:] For more information on "God's Sovereignty," see:

– Now We are Aware [Romans 8:28], James Coram, [Bible Student's Notebook #510](#);

– God in Everything, William Sibthorpe, [Bible Student's Notebook #527](#);

– God Determines, Not Permits, Norman Grubb, [Bible Student's Notebook #528](#);

– What God Wills, Happens; What He Wills Not, Won't, George Howe, [Bible Student's Notebook #334](#);

– What a Sovereign God Will Do and Will Achieve, Peter Fedema, [Bible Student's Notebook #335](#);

– Daily Goodies book, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. April 28 – May 28 (see order form).

14. [Editor:] For a further look at the Divine Cycle, see:

– Romans 11:36 The Cornerstone Truth (Portals: Gateways to Divine Orientation – Part 1), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #508](#);

– All is Out of God, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #429](#);

– Circularity, J.E. Jacobsen, [Bible Student's Notebook #539](#);

– The Pre-Creation Era of the Universe: God Alone – All in God, M. Jaegle, [Bible Student's Notebook #644](#);

Then we see how our salvation centers in the Son. We read, for example, that we're blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ (1:3) and have redemption through His blood¹⁵ (:7), in Whom we are greatly enriched (:11), in Whom also we are *saved* and *sealed* (:13). Think of that! We are "*in Christ*," and because of His finished work, sealed until the day of redemption.

It all comes down to us through, or by the operation of, God's spirit.¹⁶ We're sealed by the spirit (1:13), and we have access to God the Father by the spirit (2:18). We are an habitation of God through the spirit (2:22), and we're strengthened by the spirit (3:16). We must not grieve the spirit (4:30) but rather bear the fruit of the spirit (5:9). We must be filled with the spirit (5:18), use the sword of the spirit (6:17), and we must *pray* in the spirit (6:18).

What a tremendous, tremendous epistle!

— *Two Minutes with the Bible*

(abridged & edited)

TOPICS:

Major: Ephesians; Paul's Epistles; Secret

Minor: Celestial; Mystery

– The Law of Circularity (May 1); All is of God (May 8); God is the Creator (May 28), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., *Daily Goodies* [book] (see order form).

15. [Editor:] For more on this glorious Approach Present, see:

– (Article): The Approach Present, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #436](#);

– (Video): *The Approach Present*, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [StudyShelf Videos](#).

16. [Editor:] For more information on God's spirit, see:

– The Spirit of God, A.E. Knoch, parts 1 & 2, *Bible Student's Notebook #465, #466*.

Daily Quick Quotes

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We have long contemplated a system of notation that would allow the students of Scripture to have

some background and guidance concerning our authors and their books. This background could perhaps better assist in the selection of materials in which to invest both time and money. However, this method is still in the developmental stage, so in the meantime, our readers are always welcome to inquire further into authors and books of interest before making a purchase.

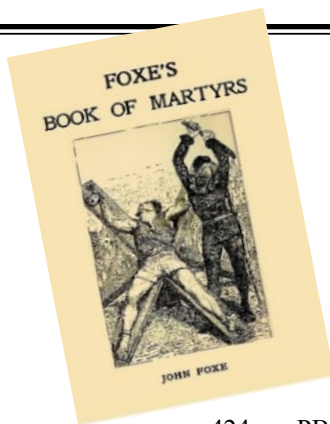
Give heed to reading (I Timothy 4:13, Concordant).

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TOPICS:

Major: Books; Editor's Desk; Ministry
Minor: Study



424 pp, PB

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Foxe's Book of Martyrs

by — John Foxe (1516-1587)

One of the most influential authors of the English Reformation, Foxe was an English historian and martyrologist, who studied at Brasenose College, Oxford, and Magdalen College School. By the time he was twenty-five, he had read the Latin and Greek fathers, the schoolmen, the canon law, and had acquired great skill in the Hebrew language. Foxe resigned from his college in 1545 after becoming a Protestant and thereby subscribing to beliefs condemned by the Church of England under Henry VIII. Foxe would personally witness the burning of William Cowbridge in September 1538.

In the forty years between 1547 and his death, he produced some forty works in English and Latin. His classic, *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*, was originally published in 1554. It was an account of the martyrs of Western history, but emphasizing the sufferings of English Protestants and proto-Protestants from the fourteenth century through the reign of Mary I. With particular emphasis on England and Scotland, it includes accounts of the sufferings of believers under the Catholic Church. The book went through four editions in Foxe's lifetime and a number of later editions and abridgements.



The Bible: Written by Mere Men?

A commonly misunderstood verse reveals that God is the Ultimate Author of Scripture.

by — Keaton Halley

... no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation (II Peter 1:20, ESV).

This significant passage can help us to defend the Bible against the claim that it is merely a human – and therefore fallible – book. Unfortunately, this verse is often misunderstood and thus misapplied.

Some incorrectly take this verse to mean that the Bible contains no hidden, personalized messages to individuals – the kind “discovered” only by detaching words from their context. Although it is true that the Bible's words must be understood according to their original meaning and are always intended to benefit a wider audience, such things are not what *this* verse is talking about. Others take Peter to mean that individual Christians can't interpret Scripture properly without the help of the clergy. Not so: this is taught neither here nor anywhere else in Scripture. Rather, a careful reading shows that this verse is not even addressing how we should *read* the Bible at all.



Part of the confusion has to do with the term “interpretation.” Typically, when we use the word “interpretation”¹ we refer to the process of reading the Bible and trying to discern its meaning. Peter's words, however, are not about people who *read* the Bible; they're about those who *wrote* the Bible. They're about how Scripture came to be, not how we should understand it.²

This is evident from the very next verse, which says,

1. [Editor:] The Bible is not up for *interpretation*. Interpretation itself is the process of *adding* meaning to something; Scripture needs no additional meaning.
2. [Editor:] E.W. Bullinger provides the following explanation for the word “interpretation”: “Greek, *epiluo*. Only here. The verb *epiluo* is found in Mark 4:34 (*'expounded'*), and Acts 19:39 (*'determined'*). This shows that the meaning is that prophecy is not self-originated by the speaker.” – *Companion Bible Notes*, II Peter 1:20

Also note the Weymouth Version's rendering, “But, above all, remember that no prophecy in Scripture will be found to have come from the prophet's own prompting.”



136 pp, PB

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Elijah's Coming... and Other Neglected Prophecies

by — Dr. C.E. McLain (1909-1990)

The content of this work is the result of some forty years of learning, unlearning and relearning the truths of the Divine Library. These are neglected truths of prophecy which disturb the status-quo: “The Rapture, The Tribulation and The Millennium,” all in that order.

Clifford “Mac” McLain was born in Blanchard, OK. He received a Bachelor of Theology degree from Atlanta Bible Institute and later his Doctor of Divinity from Trinity Bible Seminary in Atlanta. He was founder of Grace Institute of the Bible and Northside Bible Church in Oklahoma City. He was also host of the radio program, “What's the Question?”

Author of several books, McLain's principal emphasis was on the calling of Ephesians 3:9: “To make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery.” Consequently, his works focused on the Apostle Paul's epistles written after Acts 28:28 – the “Mystery” letters.



For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit (ESV).

It was God Who initiated the production of Scripture, and the holy spirit guided the human authors as they wrote. So, what :20-21 are both communicating is that the Bible did not come about because any human being, acting alone, used his own discernment and wisdom to *interpret the world around him* and generate a prophetic text based on his own insight. No, it was God Who originated and oversaw the production of Scripture, employing human authors as His vessels. Even though it was men who “spoke,” God was in control of the whole process. The prophetic words were “from God” and the men “were carried along” by His spirit, leaving no room for the message to be corrupted by human influence.

Because this is what the Bible claims, critics can’t simply dismiss the Bible’s truth or authority by pointing out that it was written by men. Nobody denies that the Bible had human authors, but the Bible itself insists that God superintended everything they wrote – thereby producing a book without error. In addition to being written by men, the Bible claims to be “God-breathed” (II Timothy 3:16), and that’s why we can trust it.

When rightly understood, II Peter 1:20-21 teaches us

3. “Every Scripture is God-breathed” (Rotherham Emphasized Bible); “Every Writing is God-breathed” (Young’s).

[**Editor:** “Inspired by God” (II Timothy 3:16). Θεόπνευστος (*theopneustos* [Strong’s G2315]), a compound word, “God” (θεός, *theos* [Strong’s G2316] and “breathe” (πνέω, *pneō* [Strong’s G4154]); thus “God-breathed”: given by God, divinely inspired. See:

– *God’s Eonian Purpose*, by Adlai Loudy, chapter 1 (The Sacred Scriptures), chapter 2 (How We Got Our Bible). A concise history of 53 pages covering everything from the original Greek text to the Concordant Version (see order form).

that while God used people and their personalities as instruments to inscribe His Word, the end result is exactly what God Himself wanted to say. The Bible wasn’t written by someone’s “private interpretation” (KJV); it is God’s Word, and that’s why it will never fail.

— Creation.com

(edited)

TOPICS:

Major: The Bible; Interpretation; Divine Inspiration

Minor: Bible Study

The Origin of Evil

The desire to see the origin of evil in *Satan* is the equivalent of a deep-seated denial of the absolute deity of God, and is a great hindrance to a life of victorious faith, because it throws a dark shadow on the glorious consummation at the very beginning. ... In reality, the adversary only carries out the intention that was deeply anchored in God’s love, and he is what he is in order to fulfill the high purpose of the divine affections.

I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things (Isaiah 45:7).

— M. Jaegle

The Pre-Creation Era of the Universe

TOPICS:

Major: Adversary; Evil; Satan; Sovereignty of God

Minor: Consummation; Intention, God’s; Victory



70 pp., PB.

God 101: Back to Basics

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Sadly, there are some who would teach of a god who somehow does not know all things, is not all powerful, is not sovereign, and is always changing his mind. This may be a god of religion, but it is not the God of Scripture. This work goes back to the basics, back to a scriptural foundation of the True and Living God.

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Bible Student's Dictionary

Church

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

CHURCH

ἐκκλησία (*ekklēsia*, or *ecclesia*)¹¹⁵

Outcalled

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A compound word: *ek* = “out”; *klēsi* = “called,” meaning OUT-CALLED [Concordant Keyword Concordance].

The Greek word often translated as “church” in most English versions is the *out-called* of God (or God’s “called-out”-ones). There are many different *ecclesias* throughout the Scripture, context always identifies which *ecclesia* is being referenced. Today’s current



ecclesia is “the Body of Christ.” The *ecclesia* is not a building or denomination; not a meeting, or doctrinal creed; it is not somewhere we go, or something we do – it is who believers are.

And He subordinated all under His feet, and He gave Him as Head over all to the Outcalled, which is His Body, the completion of the One completing the All in all (Ephesians 1:22-23, *Dabhar*).



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Scripture Version

CV: Concordant Literal Version
DAR: Darby Translation
DT: Dabhar Translation
FF: Ferrar Fenton Bible
KJV: King James Version
RE: Rotherham's Emphasized Bible
WT: Weymouth Translation
YLT: Young's Literal Translation

Reference Notations

cf. – compare
e.g. – for example
et al. – and others
etc. – et cetera (and so on)
ff. – and the following
i.e., – that is

Reference Sources

AA: Analytical Analysis (Welch)
BDB: Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon
CB: Companion Bible Notes & Appendixes
(Bullinger)
CC: Concordant Commentary (Knoch)
CKC: Concordant Keyword Concordance (Knoch)
CL: A Critical Lexicon and Concordance
(Bullinger)
CWS: Complete Word Study Dictionary (Zodhiates)
FoS: Figures of Speech (Bullinger)
SEC: Strong's Exhaustive Concordance
TGL: Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon
UR: Unsearchable Riches
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