

The Westminster Confession

Chapter 1

Of the Holy Scripture

8. The Old Testament in Hebrew (which was the native language of the people of God of old), and the New Testament in Greek (which, at the time of the writing of it, was most generally known to the nations), being immediately inspired by God, and, by His singular care and providence, kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentical; so as, in all controversies of religion, the Church is finally to appeal unto them. But, because these original tongues are not known to all the people of God, who have right unto, and interest in the Scriptures, and are commanded, in the fear of God, to read and search them, therefore they are to be translated into the vulgar language of every nation unto which they come, that, the Word of God dwelling plentifully in all, they may worship Him in an acceptable manner; and, through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, may have hope.

9. The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself: and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture (which is not manifold, but one), it must be searched and known by other places that speak more clearly.

10. The supreme Judge by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in Scripture.

SERMON WORKSHEET

Sunday 31st October, 2010 - PM service

“The Way The Bible Gets To Us”

READINGS: 1)..... 2).....
TEXT:

INTRODUCTION

How many different Bibles versions did the minister mention?

Because there are many versions some say we can't be C..... what God said

In rounding off chapter 1 of the WCF we confess H..... God's Word gets to us

1 -WE CAN BE SURE THIS IS WHAT GOD SAID

This is focus of Article 8 is that God has K..... His Word

The discovery of the D..... Sea Scrolls proved how accurate the Bible was

The difference with other religions is that Christianity: *Tick right box*

a) covers up lots of changes [] b) doesn't hide from differences []

While there may be many versions there is only O..... Bible

Acts verses & shows us people God's Word in their own language

A D..... Bible version can help bring out the meaning of a passage

Ministers learn Hebrew and Greek so that preaching is translation of a S..... kind

The Bible is often the F..... book translated into languages

Colossians 3:16 tells us God's Word is there so that we can T..... each other

The 'Vulgate' translation was originally done for the C..... people

2 - WE CAN UNDERSTAND ALL OF WHAT GOD SAID

When we confess that the Bible is its own interpreter we say:

a) God has entrusted the Scriptures to the Church []

b) we have to use special bible studies to unlock it []

c) the Bible will explain itself []

A creed shows how C..... the Bible is

To see if the Bible is true we go to the Creed: TRUE / FALSE ? *Cross out wrong one*

The man who flicked open his Bible to find God's guidance was:

a) letting God speak through His Spirit [] b) treating his Bible las a magical icon []

The words of David in Psalm verse show how simply reading the Bible guides us

It's only Scripture which can D..... for us anything at all

You can say, 'The Lord told me' because He did tell you - in His W.....

W.D.J.S. is better than W.W.J.D. because it P..... the Word of God (Rom.12:2)

Acts shows how the Church uses God's Word in her meetings

Understanding what God said may mean:

a) seeking the wisdom of others [] b) doing what you feel led to do []

Luther talks about how long it takes to understand Scripture so that we get into it N.....!