

WHAT IS THE RECEIVED TEXT?

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The Word of God is present in English.

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.” (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

The early Christians received the Word of God from the Apostles. Today, new Christians should be receiving the Word of God from the Church.

Some say that the Word of God is only in the Greek and Hebrew. God would not have his truth locked away in the Hebrew or Greek: “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. ... But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Peter 1:23, 25). The world cannot get born again today with the Gospel hidden away in the Greek.

There is no standard copy of the Bible in Greek. When someone speaks about the King James Bible, they might talk about the “Textus Receptus”, which is the underlying received text in the Greek. But there are differences in the various printed editions of the Greek received text.

Edward Hills, author of *Defending the King James Version*, wrote that the King James Bible should be considered as an independent variety of the *Textus Receptus*. Actually, the King James Bible is the final form of the Received Text, because it brings out in one language the exact text of the whole Bible.

All the differences of Greek copies are resolved when a Christian can turn to one central and standard English Bible. The Greek is of no more importance to the average Christian. All the believer needs to do is accept that God can speak in English, and that the King James Bible is God’s Word.

“Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.” (Jeremiah 15:16).