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1 Corinthians 4: ⁶I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, **that you may learn by us NOT to go beyond what is written**, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another.

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"Why should anyone take the time and effort to learn New Testament Greek? There are dozens of widely accepted English translations for us to use, and a plethora of commentaries on every part of Scripture. So why take time to learn Greek?"

If we stop to think about it, the very number of translations indicates the answer to our question. If we compare translations, we quickly understand the problem. There are so many translations because there is no such thing as THE "correct" or "inspired" translation of any given passage.

One language cannot begin to render an exact and final translation into another language, because every word and idiom has an area of meaning and the area of meaning in one language only approximately represents the area of meaning in another language.

Learning New Testament Greek affords an opportunity never realized in any English translation. Erasmus wrote in the Preface to his Greek Testament, "These holy pages will summon up the living image of His mind. They will give you Christ Himself, talking, healing, dying, rising, the whole Christ in a Word. They will give Him to you in an intimacy so close that He would be less visible to you if He stood before your eyes."

Many are discovering that the God who spoke through Erasmus' Greek New Testament still speaks to sensitive hearts today. Reading the original text is no mere recital of past events. Rather, it is a means to bring us in touch with the power of the text and applying its truths to our lives.

1 Corinthians 10: ¹²Therefore let anyone **WHO THINKS** that **HE STANDS** **take heed lest he fall.**

Matthew 21: ⁴²Jesus said to them, "**HAVE YOU NEVER READ IN THE SCRIPTURES:**""The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Matthew 21: ²³ And when he entered the temple, **the chief priests and the elders of the people** came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

Mark 12: ²⁴Jesus said to them, "Is this not **THE REASON you are wrong, BECAUSE you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?**

¹⁸And **Sadducees** came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying,.....

Matthew 11: ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and **no one** knows the Son except the Father, and **no one** knows the Father except the Son and **anyone** to **whom the Son chooses to reveal him.**

Luke 24: ¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ **But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.** ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them **in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.**

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.

³¹**And their eyes were opened**, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, **while he opened to us the Scriptures?**" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, **and how he was known to them** in the breaking of the bread.

⁴⁴Then he said **to them**, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵**Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,** ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus **it is written**, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

Ephesians 1: ¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ **that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.**

Ephesians 2: ¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. ¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹**So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,** ²⁰ **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,** ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 3: ¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for
you, ³ **how THE MYSTERY was made known to me by revelation**, as I have written
briefly.

⁴ **WHEN YOU READ THIS**, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,

⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been
revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

⁶**THIS MYSTERY IS THAT THE GENTILES ARE FELLOW HEIRS, MEMBERS OF THE
SAME BODY, AND PARTAKERS OF THE PROMISE IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGH THE
GOSPEL.**

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given
me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this
grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹**and to bring
to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who
created all things**, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be
made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the
eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness
and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over
what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the
Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the
riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your
inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted
and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the
breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses
knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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