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Author of the contemporary translation of the Bible, The Message. - posted by savannah, on: 2018/11/29 11:30

American author, biblical scholar and pastor Eugene Peterson died Monday, October 22, at 85 years old.

About one week ago it was announced that Peterson was admitted into hospice care due to his declining health. The Message writer's son, Eric, made an announcement via email to the family's friends and loved ones to inform them of the move.

In the email, Eric explained that Peterson was admitted into the hospital for his declining health which took a sudden and dramatic turn in the wrong direction caused by an infection. Peterson was suffering from heart failure and dementia and according to his son, both were advanced and progressing.

Peterson was a well-respected member of the Presbyterian Church, biblical scholar and author of over 30 books. Relevant Magazine even called Peterson "one of the most recognized Bible scholars in America."

The pastor was most famously known for the writing of his contemporary translation of the Bible, The Message.

Peterson is also known for founding Maryland's Christ Our King Presbyterian Church where he was the pastor for nearly 30 years before he retired in 1991.

Re: Author of the contemporary translation of the Bible, The Message. - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/11/29 17:40

But here on this mountain, God-of-the-Angel-Armies
will throw a feast for all the people of the world,
A feast of the finest foods, a feast with vintage wines,
a feast of seven courses, a feast lavish with gourmet desserts.
And here on this mountain, God will banish
the pall of doom hanging over all peoples,
The shadow of doom darkening all nations. (Is. 25:6-7, MSG)

Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2018/11/30 12:48

That bible version is a very easy read but worthless when it comes to bible study. In fact I think it undermines the thought and intent of the message of the bible.

i.e. John 3:16

Kjv

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Message bible

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life.

See the variance at the end?

John 1:12-13 KJV

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Message bible

But whoever did want him,
 who believed he was who he claimed
 and would do what he said,
He made to be their true selves,
 their child-of-God selves.
These are the God-begotten,
 not blood-begotten,
 not flesh-begotten,
 not sex-begotten.

Do you see the variance? 'true selves' , ' God'begotten'

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/11/30 20:39

I don't want to argue too hard because any reasonably intelligent person knows the message is just a paraphrase. That means you can take it or leave it.

The true self of a born again person is a child of God. That is their true identity.

God-begotten simply means born of God.

Sure the words differ because that's what paraphrases do. If it's not helpful to you just ignore it.

Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2018/12/1 7:47

Quote:

God-begotten simply means born of God.

Are we begotten or are we adopted? There is a difference.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/12/1 10:26

I would not regard the message as a paraphrase as it takes away things such as the deity of the lord Jesus

Romans 13

May the God of green hope fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!

What weird mistranslation is this it actually perverts the text

This website deals with all the new age phrases that are in the message so called translation

http://www.inplainsite.org/html/new_age_and_the_message.html

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/1 16:03

Dom the passage you mention is in Rom 15 not 13 and you have to look at the preceding verse to understand why he used the term green hope.

Like I said the MSG may be helpful to some; if it is not for you then leave it alone, or write your own paraphrase.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/12/1 16:59

Did you look at the link it is not a paraphrase it completely ignored the Greek and uses new age phraseology such as in the lord's prayer

What Kind of Message is The Message?
Berit Kjos

The Message DELETES the reference to God's holy name, ADDS requests not voiced by Jesus, and changes the meaning of other verses. Follow the link and learn more about the phrase, "As above, so below."

Matthew 6:9-13

"Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

The Message:

"Our Father in heaven,
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right;
Do what's best -
As above, so below.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you
and forgiving others.
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.
You're in charge!

Or in one passage adds horoscopes

Adds Horoscope, As If This Timeless Tool Of Occultism Is Similar To A Telescope.
Colossians 2:10: "...and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority."

The Message: "You don't need a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to realize the fullness of Christ, and the emptiness of the universe without him..." (Emphasis added)

Follow the link the new age and the message
http://www.inplainsite.org/html/new_age_and_the_message.html

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/1 21:17

Watch out for people who try to dazzle you with big words and intellectual double-talk. They want to drag you off into endless arguments that never amount to anything. They spread their ideas through the empty traditions of human beings and the empty superstitions of spirit beings. But that's not the way of Christ. Everything of God gets expressed in him, so you can see and hear him clearly. You don't need a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to realize the fullness of Christ, and the emptiness of the universe without him. When you come to him, that fullness comes together for you, too. His power extends over everything.

Colossians 2:8 - <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage?search=Colossians%20:8&version=MSG>

In context. It's important. Sounds good to me. Note he is saying you DONT NEED horoscopes. Don't you agree?

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/12/2 4:51

You still don't get it the new world translation misses out passages because the Jehovah's witnesses specifically made that translation such as putting a God in John 1 where a god does not exist

The Mess calls Jesus "Master" over 400 times and the unique New Age phrase "Master Jesus" appears 76 times! The only other Bible I found "Master Jesus" in was the New Age Bible titled The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Read more: <http://rapturewatch.boards.net/thread/3166/message-new-age-perversion-bible#ixzz5YWDpiBU7>

The message I class in the same realm as that translation as it refers to Jesus as master following the line of the new age thinking of ascended masters it is a new age translation

In context he does not even reference the Greek, you cannot

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/2 7:32

Hogwash.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/12/2 8:26

Prove it

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/2 17:52

You are attempting to show that when Eugene Peterson wrote The Message he was involved in some vast New Age conspiracy based on certain words he used in his paraphrase. That is a bunch of poppycock and you should be ashamed of yourself.

Stay off the headhunter conspiracy websites. It will do you a world of good.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/12/3 6:48

How many translations of the bible have you read cover to cover ?
Stop putting me in the conspiracy theory camp

Would you class the new world translation as a proper translation of the bible.

A translation by definition has to translate the Greek to the English and when you are ignoring words and putting in phrases it therefore does not become a translation you are not using something like the ubst Greek text or the nestle Aland or the textus receptus to translate from one text to another .

Have you tried using an interlinear or any Greek text on the message it does not work because it is not a translation.

It also uses alot of new age phraseology I could not care about Eugene Petersons personal views but I worked in a Christian bookshop for years and selling a book that has a partial link to the bible.

Ideas matter

Resorting to ad hominem attacks shows that attacking me does not by in any case show that the arguments are less weak

To me it shows that you would rather attack the messenger than do your own research

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/3 7:20

The Message is a paraphrase. It is obvious because he uses anachronisms, ie he references things that are relevant today but didn't exist 2000 years ago. The purpose was to make some passages more relevant for modern readers.

Now, we can certainly debate the merits of this. You can hate it, others can like it. We can debate whether ultimately it helps or hurts. I suspect it helps folks who have limited or no knowledge of scriptures or who would not read an old school translation. Put it this way: I would rather that an unsaved friend agree to read The Message than refuse to read a KJV.

But to accuse him of being involved in a New Age conspiracy is off the charts.

By the way, Jesus is addressed as "Master" in traditional versions as well.

Paul said he was a slave of Jesus Christ. That means Jesus was and is his Master. But because Peterson has the disciples calling Jesus "master," it is said to be evidence he was pushing new age ideas. What a joke!

It is that type of grasping at straws to slander a brother that I find so disgusting.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/3 8:41

Link to interview with Peterson about The Message, and other things:

<http://www.leaderu.com/marshall/mhr03/peter1.html>

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/12/3 17:16

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Can I tell you how significant this is this is no light matter as when we are debating a muslim they ask for verses regarding his deity.

To read a bible that denies the deity of Jesus Christ is no laughing matter.

As the doctrine that Jesus was both fully God and fully man
Compare How many times Jesus is mentioned as Lord compared to say even the NKJV
https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?qs_version=MSG&quicksearch=lord&begin=47&end=73

compared to KJV
https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?qs_version=MSG&quicksearch=lord&begin=47&end=73

Romans 13:8

Oh! May the God of green hope fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!

Look at the interlinear the greek there is no word for green in the greek.
<https://biblehub.com/interlinear/romans/15.htm>

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elpidos
ἀΐψις
of hope

What you have got to understand a translation actually translates from the Greek into the English this does not.

John 20:28 The Message (MSG)

28 Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

ἀὐτὸς εἶπεν· Ὁ Κύριός ἐστις ἡμεῖς, ὁ Θεός ἐστις ἡμεῖς. ἀλλ' ὁ μαθητὴς ἔειπεν· Ὁ Κύριός ἐστις ἡμεῖς, ὁ Θεός ἐστις ἡμεῖς...
<https://biblehub.com/interlinear/john/20.htm>

You cannot translate Kurious as Master as there is a different greek word for that. Kurious is the same word for Yahweh in the greek Septuagint.

The word for master in Greek is despotos
<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?t=kjv&strongs=g1203>

Denying the aspect of the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ in a so called interpretation of the scriptures is no light matter.

Maybe you have no understanding of how a translation works but to simply mock me.

So when I am speaking to a Muslim there are no references to Jesus deity or to a morman in the Message that is serious.
This is no light matter.

Jesus is not an ascended Master
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ascended_master

Distorting Doctrines such as the Trinity

John 10:30 "I and the Father are one."

The Message: "I and the Father are one heart and mind."

John 14:28 "...The Father is greater than I."

The Message: "The Father is the goal and purpose of my life"

Deleting words regarding the Occult

Minimizes Occult Dangers, Deletes Consequences:

Thessalonians 2:9: "The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs, and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved."

The Message: "The Anarchist's coming is all Satan's work. All his power and signs and miracles are fake, evil sleight of hand that plays to the gallery of those who hate the truth that could save them. And since they're so obsessed with evil, God rubs their noses in it - gives them what they want. Since they refuse to trust truth, they're banished to their chosen world of lies and illusions."

This is no light matter you try and follow the message in the greek or an interlinear you will struggle it a mans interpretation not a translation.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/3 18:23

Dom-

For about the 3rd time The Message is NOT a translation it is a paraphrase. Even Peterson says this.

I guarantee you that he never has denied the deity of Christ.

And in regard to "green" once again he is not translating he is paraphrasing. (It's Ch 15 not 13). He says "green hope" because of the prior verse context:

"There's the root of our ancestor Jesse, breaking through the earth and growing tree-tall ' tall enough for ever yone everywhere to see and take hope! May the God of green hope fill you up with joy..."

So green is referencing the root and tree in the prior sentence. It is not some "code" for some New Age conspiracy.

I have already amply addresses the master nonsense.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/12/3 19:47

Read the Greek , kuriois does not mean master

Kuriois is the same word as the word Yahweh

Maybe you don't understand do a search in the message see how many time it uses the word lord and how many times it refers to Jesus as lord

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved

The deity of Christ and the trinity are fundamental doctrines these are not

I am sorry to say that the previous verse mentions green hope it is a reference to Isaiah.

Romans 15

1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: note

6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

12 And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

There is no reference to green. It is not a paraphrase it is not a translation or did you not read when I went through the Greek

A paraphrase actually uses the Greek Eugene Petersons makes up words and puts them in the text that are not in the Greek

His reference to Jesus as master denies the deity of Jesus .

I think you are just in denial

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/3 20:01

“Believe me,” said Jesus, “I am who I am long before Abraham was anything.”
John 8:58. MSG

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/3 20:07

//A paraphrase actually uses the Greek Eugene Petersons makes up words and puts them in the text that are not in the Greek//

Dom a paraphrase is allowed to add words. That is why it's a paraphrase and not a translation. Like I said before the Message is full of modern words that did not even exist during Bible times. Since it is a paraphrase and not a translation he can do this but he always stays on track with the original text.

“And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.”
Luke 8:24 NKJV

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/3 20:18

God's readiness to give and forgive is now public. Salvation's available for everyone! We're being shown how to turn our backs on a godless, indulgent life, and how to take on a God-filled, God-honoring life. This new life is starting right now, and is whetting our appetites for the glorious day when our great **God and Savior, Jesus Christ,** appears . He offered himself as a sacrifice to free us from a dark, rebellious life into this good, pure life, making us a people he can be proud of, energetic in goodness.
Titus 2:11

At the same time, you need to know that I carry with me at all times a huge sorrow. It's an enormous pain deep within me, and I'm never free of it. I'm not exaggerating—Christ and the Holy Spirit are my witnesses. It's the Israelites. . . . If there were any way I could be cursed by the Messiah so they could be blessed by him, I'd do it in a minute. They're my family. I grew up with them. They had everything going for them—family, glory, covenants, revelation, worship, promises, to say nothing of being the race that produced the ***Messiah, the Christ, who is God over everything,*** always. Oh, yes!
Romans 9:1 - MSG

But he says to the Son, You're God, and on the throne for good; your rule makes everything right. You love it when things are right; you hate it when things are wrong. That is why God, your God, poured fragrant oil on your head, Marking you out as king, far above your dear companions.
Hebrews 1:8 - MSG

We know that none of the God-begotten makes a practice of sin—fatal sin. The God-begotten are also the God-protected. The Evil One can't lay a hand on them. We know that we are held firm by God; it's only the people of the world who continue in the grip of the Evil One. And we know that the Son of God came so we could recognize and understand

s of good works.

He misses the fact of redemption.

Im sorry but I have not even started to look at these passages in Greek

You probably did a search in the message and found few references to Jesus Christ as lord missing this out and adding words of Eugene Petersons own imagine detract from the scriptures

Maybe things such as the deity of Jesus Christ , the virgin birth and other fundemental doctrines aren't important to you t hey were to the early church who shed blood.

Maybe you are so nieve to think that if you put sewage in a glass of clean water would you drink it.

2 Thessalonians

14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle

We need to test everything by the word of God , the bible was written in Greek and Hebrew and not in English

It breaks my heart as I could go through these verses in Greek as it does not seem Todd you are intelligent enough or m aybe through the septugient.

The Jehovah's witnesses change one word to lessen the deity of Jesus Christ in John 1:1 . Eugene Peterson makes and adds whole new phrases that are not even in the greek.

I do not say translate homers oddsey and put the avengers comic as a good translation for homers oddsey

Just because something is new does not necessarily mean it is good and people can twist translations to influence the c hurch in wrong doctrine. As there are gay translations , there are all different types of twisted translations.

To me this paraphrase the only place it belongs is burned or deleted as it detracts from the scriptures

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/4 7:34

Dom- every passage I posted below contains an affirmation of the deity of Christ. Look between the **. Yet you continu e to insist that Peterson is denying the deity of Christ. Just stop.

In the 1John 5 passage, the "God-begotten" is referencing believers, not Jesus. Read a little more carefully.

But to your point, the most famous verse in all of scripture in the traditional translations says Jesus was begotten. So w hat's the big deal? No mainstream Christian thinks that means Jesus was created when it says that.

Like I said before if you don't like The Message, then just leave it alone. You are entitled to your opinion. But don't go around spreading lies and slandering a deceased brother. Millions of very strong Christians, including my dear mother who has read through the Bible yearly for probably 30 years, enjoys the Message on occasion. Not as a primary Bible, certainly, but to get a fresh view on certain passages. I am sure that Peterson would not want or expect his parap hrase to take the place of a true translation.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/12/4 12:57

Find a reference to the lord Jesus Christ in the message ?

As there is no reference.

A translation is a translation from the Greek or Hebrew and I would put the message in say the same realm as the new world translation.

Doctrine is important

Matt 26

22 They were stunned, and then began to ask, one after another, "Is it not I, Master?"

23-24 Jesus answered, "The one who hands me over is someone I eat with daily, one who passes me food at the table. In one sense the Son of Man is entering into a way of treachery well-marked by the Scriptures—no surprises here. In another sense that man who turns him in, turns traitor to the Son of Man—better never to have been born than do this!"

25 Then Judas, already turned traitor, said, "Is it not I, Rabbi?"

As in the message Eugene Peterson switches the message as in all other translations, all the other translations, is it me lord and the Greek corresponds

<https://biblehub.com/interlinear/matthew/26.htm>

There are 26 references to lord in the message none of them refer to Jesus as lord

https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?qs_version=MSG&quicksearch=Lord&begin=47&end=73

Todd I think you have been deceived as it says in

2 Thessalonians

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

It is not a translation or a paraphrase as it does not even reference the Greek he puts new phrases in the scriptures

Deuteronomy 4:2 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

2 You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

The thing I specifically asked for where Jesus is a lord kurios in the greek in the message you completely ignored me and you are not humble enough to admit yourself in the wrong .

When we are dealing with some of these fundamental doctrines it is the difference whether someone is truly saved or not

Things such as the virgin birth and the deity of Jesus Christ are no laughing matter

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/4 13:05

Mary said to the angel, "But how? I've never slept with a man."

Luke 1:34 - MSG

Virgin = never slept with a man. Right?

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/4 14:34

//His reference to Jesus as master denies the deity of jesus//

I think you just denied the deity of Christ because you did not capitalize His name.

That is just about as ridiculous as what you are saying.

What do you think the word "lord" means? When Paul says you must confess Jesus as Lord what do you think that means?

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/12/5 5:23

You didn't even do your proper research

2962 ἰού...ἰού, occurs 747 times in the NT. occurs 7129 times in the OT. from kuros (supremacy) kurios 3:1039,486 ko o'-ree-os Noun Masculine from kuros (supremacy) ; supreme in authority, i.e. (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title) :- God, Lord, master, Sir. he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord the possessor and disposer of a thing the owner; one who has control of the person, the master in the state: the sovereign, prince, chief, the Roman emperor is a title of honour expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants greet their master this title is given to: God, the Messiah

Kuriois if you reference the septugient

English Translation of the Greek Septuagint Bible https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B002C758RY/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_apa_i_Rz6bCbHE2EJQ2

The references the links to Yahweh

Do your proper research , you are not humble are you to admit yourself wrong

Problems linking the greek to the message

<https://www.biola.edu/blogs/good-book-blog/2016/problem-passages-in-the-message>

Also phrases such as as above so below which is in the lord's prayer are dangerous

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/5 7:18

Why would I admit I am wrong? Eugene Peterson used a perfectly acceptable title for Jesus, namely Master.

Is Jesus your master? I certainly hope so. Lk. 6:46

But regardless, your assertion, or the assertion of those you are consulting, that his use of the word 'master' connotes his complicity in some new age conspiracy because he really means 'ascended master' is absolutely ridiculous and shameful.

He used master because a) that is what He is, or should be, and b) modern readers understand what that word means when they might not understand what 'lord' means. Of course that was his goal in writing The Message- making scripture more understandable to modern readers.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/12/5 7:50

The Message (MSG) King James Bible (KJB)

John 3:16 'This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life

John 3:16 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'

Genesis 1:1-2 'First this: God created the Heavens and Earth'all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.'

Genesis 1:1-2 'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.'

John 1:12 'But whoever did want him, who believed he was who he claimed and would do what he said, He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves.' Joh:1:12 'But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.'

Acts 16:30-31 'Sirs, what do I have to do to be saved, to really live?' They said, "Put your entire trust in the Master Jesus. Then you'll live as you were meant to live"and everyone in your house included! Acts 16:30-31 'And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.'

Matthew 7:21-23 'Knowing the correct password'saying 'Master, Master,' for instance' isn't going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience'doing what my Father wills. I can see it now'at the Final Judgment thousands strutting up to me and saying, 'Master, we preached the Message, we bashed the demons, our God-sponsored projects had everyone talking.' And do you know what I am going to say? 'You missed the boat. All you did

was use me to make yourselves important. You don't impress me one bit. You're out of here.'â€• Matthew 7:21-23 â€• â€œNot every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.â€•

Acts 2:38 â€• â€œPeter said, "Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.â€• Acts 2:38 â€• â€œThen Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.â€•

Romans 10:13 â€• â€œEveryone who calls, 'Help, God!' gets help.â€• Romans 10:13 â€• â€œFor whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.â€•

Isaiah 7:14 â€• â€œSo the Master is going to give you a sign anyway. Watch for this: A girl who is presently a virgin will get pregnant. She'll bear a son and name him Immanuel (God-With-Us). Isaiah 7:14 â€• â€œTherefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.â€•

Look at a comparison of these passages in normal translations and then compared to the message it adds things it refers to Yahweh as master in is 7:4

It is not a translation, it is not even a paraphrase as he is adding his own personal theology or Romans 10:13

Judas refers to Jesus as master in Matt 26 do you really want to refer to Jesus as master.

What bible translations have you read? As I used to read and review them for the Christian bookshop and I would not even class the message as a translation and when it detracts from major doctrines from the Christian faith it is classed as heresy

If you cannot link it to the Greek text then how would you class this as a translation

Problem Passages in The Message

A link to Biola University

<https://www.biola.edu/blogs/good-book-blog/2016/problem-passages-in-the-message>

How about the phrase as above so below in the Lord's Prayer or the God of Green Hope.

What kind of message is THE MESSAGE

https://www.crossroad.to/Bible_studies/Message.html

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/12/5 8:19

It appears we are going in circles.

Letâ€™s leave it at this- you are free to not read The Message as often as you like!

Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2018/12/5 11:16

My conclusion

Why begin reading a Bible that is skewed as it is in the first place? It only sets one up for failure because a person will not want to read more orthodox versions because the wording will appear to be harder.

Buyer beware

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