

BIBLE VERSION QUICK COMPARISON

Many people believe that there is no significant difference between the various versions of the Bible. The following is a brief comparison of some of the more salient verses. There are 30 verses from 5 popular versions as follows:

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Matthew 1:25	
KJV	And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.
TNIV	But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.
NASB	but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.
CEV	But they did not sleep together before her baby was born. Then Joseph named him Jesus.
NLT	But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.
Matthew 6:13	
KJV	And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
TNIV	And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
NASB	And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]
CEV	Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.
NLT	And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.
Matthew 12:6	
KJV	But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.
TNIV	I tell you that one greater than the temple is here.
NASB	But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here.
CEV	I tell you that there is something here greater than the temple.
NLT	I tell you, there is one here who is even greater than the Temple!

Matthew 12:42	
KJV	The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.
TNIV	The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now one greater than Solomon is here.
NASB	The Queen of the South will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.
CEV	The Queen of the South will also stand there with you and condemn you. She traveled a long way to hear Solomon's wisdom, and yet here is something much greater than Solomon.
NLT	The queen of Sheba will also stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for she came from a distant land to hear the wisdom of Solomon. Now someone greater than Solomon is here—but you refuse to listen.
Mark 9:46	
KJV	Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
TNIV	45-46 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.
NASB	[where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.]
CEV	45-46 If your foot causes you to sin, chop it off. You would be better off to go into life lame than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.
NLT	omitted?
Mark 9:48	
KJV	Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
TNIV	where " 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'
NASB	where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.
CEV	The worms there never die, and the fire never stops burning.
NLT	'where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.'
Mark 10:24	
KJV	And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!
TNIV	The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!
NASB	The disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!
CEV	The disciples were shocked to hear this. So Jesus told them again, "It's terribly hard to get into God's kingdom!
NLT	This amazed them. But Jesus said again, "Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God.

Luke 2:33	
KJV	And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.
TNIV	The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.
NASB	And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.
CEV	Jesus' parents were surprised at what Simeon had said.
NLT	Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him.
Luke 4:4	
KJV	And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.
TNIV	Jesus answered, "It is written: 'People do not live on bread alone.' "
NASB	And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'"
CEV	Jesus answered, "The Scriptures say, 'No one can live only on food.' "
NLT	But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.'"
Luke 23:42	
KJV	And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.
TNIV	Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
NASB	And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"
CEV	Then he said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into power!"
NLT	Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."
Luke 24:51	
KJV	And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.
TNIV	While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.
NASB	While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.
CEV	As he was doing this, he left and was taken up to heaven.
NLT	While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven.
John 1:18	
KJV	No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.
TNIV	No one has ever seen God, but the one and only [Son], who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.
NASB	No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.
CEV	No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is truly God and is closest to the Father, has shown us what God is like.
NLT	No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

John 3:13	
KJV	And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.
TNIV	No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.
NASB	No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man.
CEV	No one has gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from there.
NLT	No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven.
John 8:9	
KJV	And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.
TNIV	At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.
NASB	When they heard it, they began to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center of the court.
CEV	The people left one by one, beginning with the oldest. Finally, Jesus and the woman were there alone.
NLT	When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman.
John 9:35	
KJV	Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?
TNIV	Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
NASB	Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
CEV	When Jesus heard what had happened, he went and found the man. Then Jesus asked, "Do you have faith in the Son of Man?"
NLT	When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
Acts 1:3	
KJV	To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:
TNIV	After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.
NASB	To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.
CEV	For forty days after Jesus had suffered and died, he proved in many ways that he had been raised from death. He appeared to his apostles and spoke to them about God's kingdom.
NLT	During the forty days after his crucifixion, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

Acts 4:27	
KJV	For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together
TNIV	Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.
NASB	For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,
CEV	Here in Jerusalem, Herod and Pontius Pilate got together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel. Then they turned against your holy Servant Jesus, your chosen Messiah.
NLT	In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, your holy servant, whom you anointed.
Acts 8:37	
KJV	And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
TNIV	36-37 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?"
NASB	[And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]
CEV	36-37As they were going along the road, they came to a place where there was some water. The official said, "Look! Here is some water. Why can't I be baptized?"
NLT	omitted
1 Corinthians 5:7	
KJV	Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:
TNIV	Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.
NASB	Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.
CEV	Get rid of the old yeast! Then you will be like fresh bread made without yeast, and that is what you are. Our Passover lamb is Christ, who has already been sacrificed.
NLT	Get rid of the old "yeast" by removing this wicked person from among you. Then you will be like a fresh batch of dough made without yeast, which is what you really are. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.

2 Corinthians 2:17	
KJV	For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.
TNIV	Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.
NASB	For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.
CEV	A lot of people try to get rich from preaching God's message. But we are God's sincere messengers, and by the power of Christ we speak our message with God as our witness.
NLT	You see, we are not like the many hucksters who preach for personal profit. We preach the word of God with sincerity and with Christ's authority, knowing that God is watching us.
Galatians 3:1	
KJV	O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?
TNIV	You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.
NASB	You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?
CEV	You stupid Galatians! I told you exactly how Jesus Christ was nailed to a cross. Has someone now put an evil spell on you?
NLT	Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross.
Galatians 5:4	
KJV	Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.
TNIV	You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.
NASB	You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.
CEV	And if you try to please God by obeying the Law, you have cut yourself off from Christ and his wonderful kindness.
NLT	For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace.
Colossians 1:14	
KJV	In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
TNIV	in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
NASB	in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
CEV	who forgives our sins and sets us free.
NLT	who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

1 Timothy 3:16	
KJV	And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.
TNIV	Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.
NASB	By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.
CEV	Here is the great mystery of our religion: Christ came as a human. The Spirit proved that he pleased God, and he was seen by angels. Christ was preached to the nations. People in this world put their faith in him, and he was taken up to glory.
NLT	Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.

1 Timothy 6:5	
KJV	Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.
TNIV	and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.
NASB	and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.
CEV	and nasty quarrels. They have wicked minds and have missed out on the truth. These people think religion is supposed to make you rich.
NLT	These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy.
2 Timothy 2:15	
KJV	Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
TNIV	Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.
NASB	Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.
CEV	Do your best to win God's approval as a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed and who teaches only the true message.
NLT	Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.
2 Timothy 3:16	
KJV	All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
TNIV	All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
NASB	All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
CEV	Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live.
NLT	All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

Hebrews 11:6	
KJV	But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
TNIV	And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
NASB	And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
CEV	But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that he rewards everyone who searches for him.
NLT	And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.
James 5:16	
KJV	Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
TNIV	Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
NASB	Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much
CEV	If you have sinned, you should tell each other what you have done. Then you can pray for one another and be healed. The prayer of an innocent person is powerful, and it can help a lot.
NLT	Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.
Revelation 22:14	
KJV	Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.
TNIV	Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.
NASB	Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.
CEV	God will bless all who have washed their robes. They will each have the right to eat fruit from the tree that gives life, and they can enter the gates of the city.
NLT	Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life.
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