

WORDS THAT MUST MAKE YOU PAUSE | SESSION 2

The Bible is a book of *words*, not *ideas*. It is the *words* that are foundational to the *ideas* of the faith, and the *ideas* must always submit to the *words*.

With the importance of the words themselves, there are several “words that must make you pause” because these words have inherent challenges of translation into English from the Hebrew or Greek.

NEW TESTAMENT WORDS, CONTINUED

- Gentile – an anachronistic word that can lead the student of the word in the wrong direction.
 - The word *Gentile(s)* is used 99 times in the KJV New Testament.
 - In New Testament days, there simply was not a word that meant *non-Jew*, unless it was the word *uncircumcised*.
 - The word εθνος [ethnos] can refer to Gentiles, but it can also refer to Jews living in other nations (as is possible in Ephesians 2:16). In the singular [ethnon] it can refer to the nation of Israel (Acts 10:22 or 1 Peter 2:9).
 - Incidentally, *heathen* carries no negative connotations in the KJV. It is simply a transliteration of *ethnos* (see Acts 4:25).
- Jew – The word sometimes refers to those living in Judea.
 - Every time the word is used, it is a translation of Ἰουδαῖος [Ioudaios]. The word is literally, *Judean*.
 - The student of the Word must interpret whether the reference is to *people living in Judea* (as in John 11:54) or if it is related to the Jewish people as a whole (most common) or even to the Jewish religious leadership (as in John 10:24).
- Mystery – a revelation from God that could not be known otherwise
 - The *worst* thing a person can do is not understand the most fundamental mystery for our age: *the Pauline dispensation of the grace of God*.
 - The challenge: *the Bible talks about many mysteries*. Some of the mysteries--
 - Mark 4:11 – the mystery of the Kingdom of God
 - Romans 11:25 – the Blindness of Israel
 - Romans 16:25 – the Pauline mystery
 - 1 Corinthians 15:51 – the resurrection of Israel to immortality
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15 – the mystery of the rapture
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:7 – the mystery of iniquity
 - Revelation 1:20 – the mystery of the seven stars
- Baptism – to be immersed into *something*
 - Sometimes baptism is into water. Many times it is not.
 - Some of the Baptisms in the Bible
 - Matthew 3:5-6 – the Baptism of John
 - Mark 1:4 – the Baptism of repentance

- Luke 12:50 – the Baptism of suffering
 - Romans 6:4 – Baptism into Christ
 - 1 Corinthians 12:14 – Baptism into the body
- Administration / Stewardship (non KJV) – a word used as a replacement for *dispensation* in non-KJV Bibles.
 - Ephesians 1:10 (NASB) – administration
 - Ephesians 3:2 (NASB) - stewardship

EITHER TESTAMENT

- Angel – This can be a human or a divine agent
 - Revelation 2:1, 8, 12, 18; 3:1, 7, 14 - human
 - Luke 7:24 – human
 - John 5:4 – pagan
 - Acts 12:7 – heavenly
 - Genesis 32:1 – heavenly; Genesis 32:3 – human
- Hell - the place of departed spirits
 - Job 26:6 – the grave
 - Amos 9:2 – an unreachable place
 - Mark 9:43 – a place of punishment
 - Acts 2:27 – the place of the dead
- Heaven – one of three meanings
 - The “first heaven” is the sky – Genesis 1:9
 - The “second heaven” is the universe - Genesis 22:17
 - The “third heaven” is the abode of God – Genesis 24:7

...to be continued!