

declare that the Textus Receptus is the actual original Bible, even though sections of it are not found in any manuscript prior to the 13th century. While I do not follow the extreme attitude of W° and H° I think that even that would be better than going to the opposite extreme. I have never been able to convince myself that Erasmus ~~was~~ was inspired.

It is important to study the small variations in our manuscripts and to get as close as we can to the ~~original~~ original. Yet we must recognize that God permitted small variations to come in in places where we are not sure which is correct. They do not affect any doctrine. We might wish that He had given us ~~absolutely~~ absolutely the text as He gave it to the original writers, but that is not what He did. Personally I think there is a good reason for what God did in this regard. It is so easy for Chns° to take one or two verses and build whole doctrines upon them without paying much attention ~~to~~ to the rest of the Bible. A great Denominations have been founded on one or two unquestionable interpretations of one or two verses. Human language is not a precise matter. There are ~~always~~ always possibilities of various interpretations of sentences. God does not want us to take one or two sentences and squeeze them until we get every possible /idea out of them. He wants us instead to compare Scripture with Scripture, to take the Bible as a whole, //to put our emphasis where the Bible puts its emphasis. He wants us to carefully study of what verses not merely to see what we can be sure from them, but also to see what the various possibilities are. He wants to compare Scripture with Scripture. There is tremendous need of a great deal more of careful study, exegetical study of both testaments. God has much more light yet to break from His Word.