



FAITHFUL AND TRUE ▲

A person is shown from the chest up, holding an open Bible. The entire image is overlaid with a warm, orange-tinted filter. The person's face is not clearly visible, but their hands are holding the book. The text is centered over the image.

IT IS BLESSED TO EAT INTO THE  
VERY SOUL OF THE BIBLE UNTIL  
THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE  
BIBLE FLOWS FROM YOU.

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# INTRODUCING THE CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE

Many good Bible translations are available today.  
How should you decide if the Christian Standard Bible  
is right for you and for your church?



# CSB: Accurate

The Bible translation you use must be accurate.



## CSB: Accurate

**Original Languages:** The Christian Standard Bible has been faithfully translated directly from the best-attested Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic manuscripts by top Bible scholars who love God's Word.

**Translation Philosophy:** The CSB was created using optimal equivalence, rendering the original languages with linguistic precision balanced by readability in contemporary English. This assures that both the words and thoughts contained in the original text are conveyed as accurately as possible for today's readers.



## CSB: Readable

In addition to accurate, you want the Bible translation you use to be readable.



## CSB: Readable

- Bible reading is the #1 indicator of spiritual growth
- Yet, Bible readership is weak: just 37% of Americans read the Bible once a week or more
- Bible readers say difficulty understanding the Bible is their #2 frustration (after “time to read”)

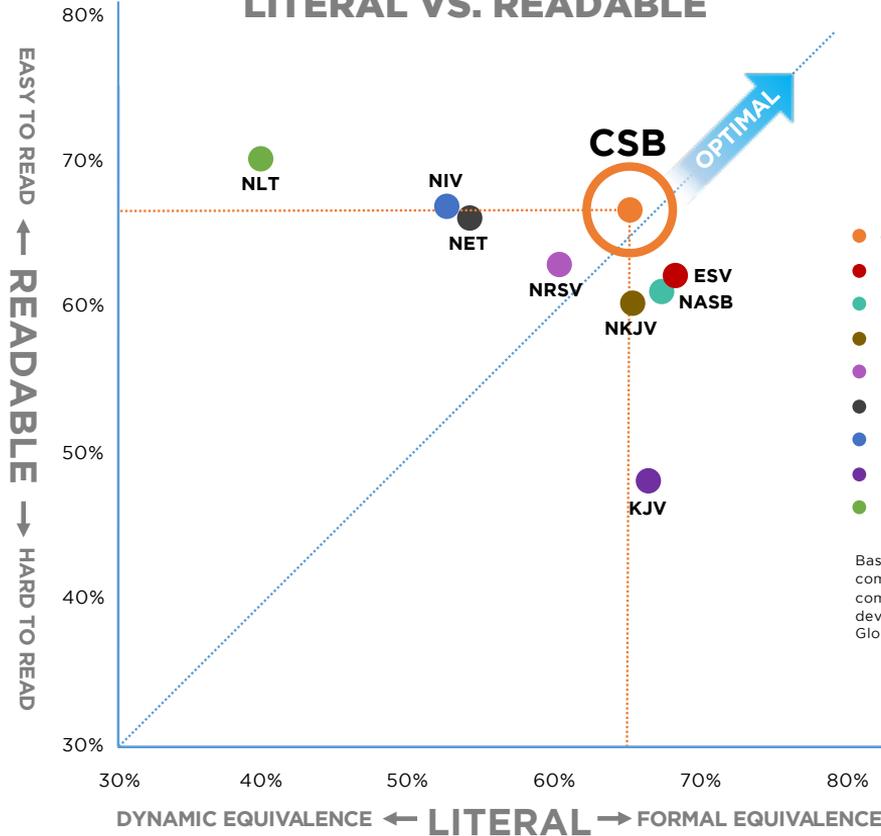


# Accurate or Readable: Do I have to choose?

- Often there are trade-offs between being highly literal to the original languages and being readable for a modern audience: the more literal translations tend to be less readable, and the more readable versions tend to be less literal, with KJV (literal) and NLT (readable) being the extreme cases
- Research has proven that the CSB is both highly literal to the original languages and highly readable, achieving an optimal balance of the two



## LITERAL VS. READABLE



Based on a quantitative linguistic comparison of Bible translations using computerized statistical analysis, developed by Dr. Andi Wu of the Global Bible Initiative.



## CSB: *Accurate and Readable*

**For Serious Study:** The CSB provides a highly accurate and literal text for sermon preparation and in-depth study, translated from the original biblical languages by scholars who love God's Word.

**For Reading:** By translating Scripture into the clearest possible modern English, the CSB allows readers to experience God's Word at its fullest, helping them understand and apply the Bible in church settings and while reading on their own.

**For Sharing:** Knowing its truth will be communicated with clarity, pastors and laypeople can feel confident sharing God's Word with someone who has read the Bible for a lifetime, or with someone who has never before read its life-changing message.



# CSB: Built for the Church

**Mission-Minded Stewardship:** The CSB is a revision of the Holman Christian Standard Bible, published in 2004. The CSB is stewarded by LifeWay, a non-profit ministry whose mission is to assist the Church to reach the world for Christ.

**Multi-Denominational:** 100 translators from many different denominations served on the original translation team; the CSB revision team was also multi-denominational, representing a variety of conservative, evangelical churches.

**Variety of Resources:** Other publishers are also preparing Bibles, books and church materials using the CSB, making a wide variety of tools available for the Church.

A man in a dark suit and tie stands outdoors, holding a folder. He is looking slightly to his left. The background shows a building with a pointed roof and trees. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter.

# APPRECIATION FOR THE CSB



## Appreciation for the CSB



**Kyle Idleman**

Teaching Pastor, Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY



“I like to use the Christian Standard Bible because it’s a translation that’s faithful to the Bible’s original manuscripts, with oversight by some trusted partners in ministry. While it’s very literal to the original text, it’s also remarkably clear for Bible readers today. I highly recommend the CSB as I encourage our church members—and all of us—to read and share the power of God’s Word with others.”



## Appreciation for the CSB



**Dr. Tony Evans**

Senior Pastor, Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, Dallas, TX



“The Christian Standard Bible provides a clear trustworthy translation of the Holy Scriptures in a style that the reader can clearly hear the voice of God in print speaking to their soul.”



# Appreciation for the CSB



“As a pastor, I want a Bible translation that is trustworthy for preaching and study, but accessible enough for my people to read and understand for themselves. For this reason, I’m delighted to commend to you the Christian Standard Bible.”

**Alistair Begg**

Senior Pastor, Parkside Church, Chagrin Falls, OH





## Appreciation for the CSB



**David Platt**

President, International Mission Board



“I am deeply grateful for the Christian Standard Bible, because it is rigorously faithful to the original languages without sacrificing clear readability. This translation will help believers and non-believers around the world be able to read, understand, memorize, obey, and proclaim God’s Word.”



## Appreciation for the CSB



**Lisa Harper**

Bible Teacher and Author



“As I travel around the country teaching the Bible to women, I never let them forget that God’s Word is their sustenance. The Christian Standard Bible lines up perfectly with my core ministry goals—theological soundness and accessibility for the everyday person.”



## Appreciation for the CSB



“I am excited to see the release of a translation that is both accessible and preach-able. The Christian Standard Bible’s faithful rendering of the original manuscripts will serve me well as a preacher, and its expression in contemporary English will serve my congregation well when they read and share God's Word with others.”

Eric Mason

Lead Pastor, Epiphany Fellowship, Philadelphia, PA





## Appreciation for the CSB



“I’m passionate about teaching the Bible, especially to women, because I’ve seen in my own life how God’s Word touches and transforms the heart. I’m using and recommending the Christian Standard Bible because I find the translation trustworthy, while also accessible to the women I have the privilege of teaching and encouraging.”

**Kelly Minter**

Bible Teacher, Author, and Musician





## Appreciation for the CSB



“I preach and teach from the Christian Standard Bible because of the accuracy, the precision, and beauty of the text. I’m excited to finally have one translation that is both faithful to the authorial intent of the biblical writers and written in English that communicates to this generation.”

**Derwin Gray**

Lead Pastor, Transformation Church, Indian Land, SC





# Appreciation for the CSB



**David Dockery**

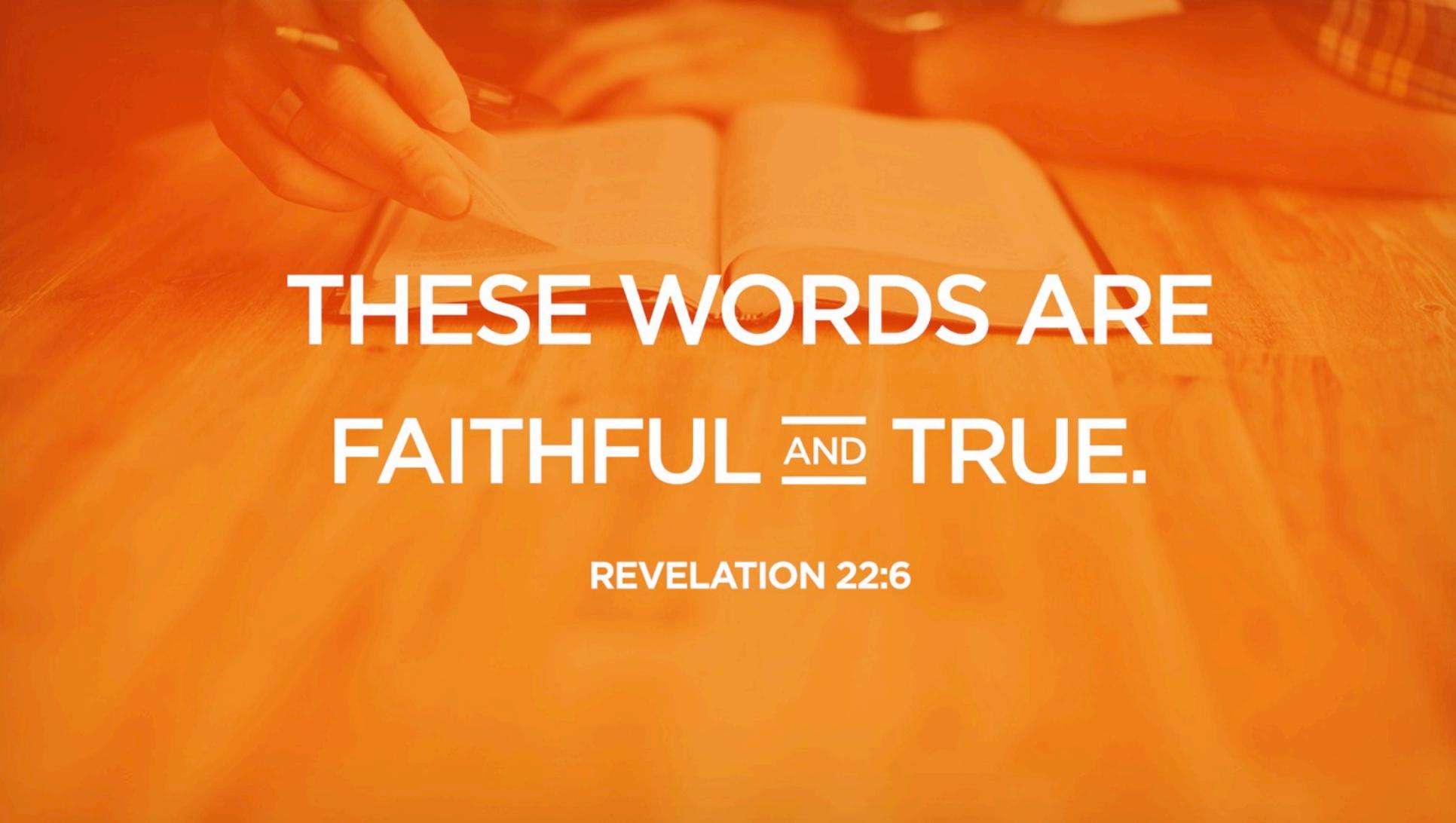
President, Trinity International University



“The translation team for the Christian Standard Bible is to be commended for this remarkable achievement. Both the Old and New Testaments can be characterized as consistent, faithful, accurate, and extremely readable. This much welcomed translation communicates in a clear and fresh manner for 21st century readers.”



The Christian Standard Bible captures the Bible's original meaning faithfully without compromising clarity, helping you and your church experience God's truth and share it with others as never before.



**THESE WORDS ARE  
FAITHFUL AND TRUE.**

**REVELATION 22:6**



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