

A Challenge by a Prominent Pastor in Mexico Who Uses the 1960 Revision of the Reina-Valera Bible

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A while back, I received an e-mail from a veteran Hispanic Missionary who was challenged by a well-known Pastor in Mexico concerning the Spanish Bible issue. The Pastor challenged the Missionary with the following:

"I challenge you to show me just one Independent Baptist pastor or preacher who is teaching false or corrupt doctrine based on the Reina-Valera 1960 Bible."

The Missionary asked me how I would respond to such a statement. The following was what I wrote him:

Dear Brother *****,

Pastor ***** , with all due respect to him, is missing the point. It's not about whether or not those who preach from the 1960 are preaching false or corrupt doctrine. You can preach the truth from an NIV, but that doesn't make the NIV right. My father-in-law got saved through a Catholic bible. Does that make the Catholic bible right? On the flip side, you can preach false and corrupt doctrine from the King James Bible. Many cults do. Does that make the KJB wrong? All that is beside the point. The point behind why we reject the 1960 (now that there is a better option available in the RVG) is because of what the LORD said in Mat. 4:4.

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Those of us who use the RVG instead of the 1960 do so because we want a Spanish Bible that has EVERY WORD OF GOD in it. The 1960 has verses where words have been omitted such as Eph. 3:9, Mat. 5:22, Mat. 15:8, Mark 2:17, Luke 23:42, and plenty more. As one preacher said back in the 50s (back when more preachers had the guts to stand for the truth in spite of the status quo), "I want the WHOLE Bible, not a Bible full of holes!".

The Reina Valera Bible was originally based upon the Received Texts. But the problem with the 1960 revision of the Reina Valera Bible is the fact that the 1960 revisers used the corrupt Alexandrian Critical Texts in their revision. Instead of eliminating the Critical Text altogether in the Reina-Valera they mixed even MORE

Critical Text readings into our TR-based Spanish Bible. This was a step backwards, not forwards!

These preachers who use the 1960 know this to be so. Many of them are great men of God who love God and win souls to Christ. But none of them are perfect. When it comes to the Bible issue they are wrong. John R. Rice was a great man of God who did great things for God and won many souls to Christ. Thank God for what he contributed to Fundamentalism. But when it came to the Bible issue, he was wrong. All the good things he accomplished for the LORD did not make his position on the Bible right. The same can be said for these men who preach from the 1960.

We use the RVG because it is a revision in which the omissions, additions, and alterations based upon the Critical Texts have been removed and brought into conformity to the Received Texts. Plain and simple.

The RVG is not for everyone. It is for those who stand against the corrupt Critical Texts and therefore desire to have a pure Spanish Bible in which Critical Text corruptions have been removed. We simply wish to be consistent to our convictions. It is a double-standard for these preachers to claim to be pro-TR and pro-KJV in English yet think that it somehow becomes OK for them to use a Bible in Spanish where many key verses were deliberately and admittedly changed with the Critical Texts, especially when there is a Bible available that is more pure. That is inconsistent.

These preachers who use the 1960 may be great men of God who are right on a lot of things. But they are inconsistent and wrong in regards to the Bible issue and no amount of good accomplishments in the ministry will change that fact.

God bless,

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