Changes to Our Bibles

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I was at Life Way Christian Bookstore (a non-profit company started and owned by the Southern Baptists convention) looking for a Bible to give a friend. I found out at that time that the particular verse that was important in this circumstance was dramatically changed in various Bibles. I did not know what was going on in the world of Bible publishing. I want to thank my sister for telling me about the Bible changes in the NIV. That started my research, below

Because we believe that the Bible is inerrant (incapable of being wrong) it is important to know which Bibles are published by those who want to promote the word of God, and will adhere to the Dead Sea Scrolls and ancient manuscripts in their translation of the Bible rather their re-written politically correct Bibles. Bibles owned by Murdock are re-translating their Bibles to replace male gender phrases to non-gender phrases (such as "man of God" will become "man/woman of God or "people of God" etc., and to remove any reference to homosexuality from their Bibles, and remove or re-write anything they deem "hate speech." They are also removing verses of the Bible. I don't know why. Additionally, it became clear that this investigation is important to protect us from getting sued.

This is not a comprehensive list of all of the different Bible translations out there, but here are a few of the ones we are all most familiar with.

All of the Bibles require that if you print or publish any part of the Bible you are required to give credit to the publisher, but not all of them require that you get **permission** to copy any part of their Bible. The rule of thumb is to look at the title page of the Bible. If it has the phrase " All rights reserved. Used by permission." and you print either on paper or on a website any part of that Bible without permission from the publisher, you might be sorry later. These changes began approximately 1988. We don't want to purchase or promote Bibles that have been re-written to be politically correct, or get into trouble using any other version than King James in print or internet media.

***Bibles and their Publishers***

**Halley's Bible Handbook** is now owned by Zondervan, a subsidiary of Harper Collins, who is owned by News Corp, which is owned by Rupert Murdoch, one of the biggest producers of pornography on the planet, as reported by Wikipedia. They "improved" it in the last edition, and it's format is much more difficult to read, and doesn't have near the information that the older versions have. If you are looking for this book, get a used one prior to 1990. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

**Message Bible** is owned by Eugene H. Peterson, Nav Press Publishing Group, owned by the Navigators which is in alliance with Tyndal House, which for now is still independent and family owned. It is copyrighted and "requires notice of copyright" with some conditions

**New American Bible** is a Catholic translation, and the only approved version for use at Mass in the dioceses of the United States and the Philippines. Catholic owned. It is currently under revision, so it might be a good idea to pick up a copy of this Bible before the new one replaces the old one. They do not require permission to quote from their Bible, but you must give credit to this version of the Bible.

**New American Standard Bible**, 1st printed in 1971, it is one that used the Dead Sea Scrolls and ancient documents to translate their Bible. It is owned by the Lockman Foundation, who also owns the Amplified Bible, the Nueva Biblia Latinoamericana de Hoy, and the LaBiblia de las Americas Bible. It is still a privately owned company in Ft. Collins, Co. They do not require permission to quote from their Bible, but you must give credit to Lockman.

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**New Life Version of the Bible**, published by Christian Literature International, in Ft. Washington, PA, is a not for profit company. This Bible was written for the indigenous Eskimos in 1986. They only use about 850 different words (not including names of peoples or places) so it can be a great English Bible for anyone whose 2nd language is English. It's a fun Bible too. They do not require permission to quote from their Bible, but you must give credit to Christian Literature International.

***Internet Bible Search Websites***

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**Blue Letter Bible** is a ministry of Sowing Circle, a 501 (c)(3) non profit. Not sure if permission is required or not.

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Resources

The Steve Laube Agency article, "Who Owns Whom in Publishing," www.steve/laube.com Wikkipedia

All of the websites for all of the Bibles mentioned in this research paper