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How Important is the Bible?
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World Outreach News
Eleutheros Books is committed to

"Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law"
([Psalm 119:18](#)).

One of the most amazing things about the Bible is its impact in history through various translations.

For instance, the first authorized translation in history was done in Egypt by Jewish scribes. Known today as the Septuagint, the work was done in Alexandria. Most believe the work was done sometime between 250 and 150 B.C. The Hebrew Old Testament was translated into Greek because there was a large population of Jews in Egypt who wanted to understand their Bible but no longer read Hebrew. This translation became the Bible of the Apostles. Greek was the world's universal language from the time Alexander the Great conquered much of Europe, northern Africa, and the Middle East in 323 B.C. until the fall of the Roman Empire in A.D. 476. Not only was the Septuagint the first known authorized translation in human history; it became the standard Bible of the early Church until late into the 4th century A.D. Thus the whole science of translation was invented and sustained because of the Bible!

As Latin became popular and widely used, the demand for another significant translation arose. There was an Old Latin Version, but it had little impact. In A.D. 383 Jerome was

reaching out to people all over the world. Here are the various ministries:

Christian Speed Reading Instructor Darryl Hold has been teaching Speed Reading since 1992. The Lord led him to create a **Speed Reading 30** video course for Christians using John Rataczak, PhD, book *"The Ramifications of Our Salvation"* as the course manual. While the video quality is homemade, the content is truly life changing in learning how to speed read for business and personal enhancement, so that we can serve the Lord Jesus Christ to the best of our ability. On a spiritual level, *"The Ramifications of Our Salvation"* will help many Christians deepen their discipleship. Contact Darryl Hold with any questions.

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1,000 copies of *"The Ramifications of Our Salvation"* have been printed in **India!** To learn more or to place an order, contact Persis Abraham in Nashik, Maharashtra:
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An effort is underway to have *"The Ramifications of Our Salvation"* printed in **China!** A printer has been located in Beijing. Pray that the details can be worked out for funding and distribution.

Eleutheros Books has partnered with a Bible Society named **Bearing**

commissioned to produce what was called the Vulgate translation. Jerome insisted on translating the Old Testament from the original Hebrew, despite the criticism of many of his fellow church leaders who believed in the superiority of the Septuagint. Despite the early opposition, the Vulgate became the Bible of the Middle Ages (over 1,000 years!). In many respects the Vulgate was the basis for the translations we have today in English.

The need arose for a Bible in English, but opposition to this idea was fierce. Romansism dominated the world and wanted the Bible and worship services totally in Latin, even though virtually nobody understood it. The first significant translation into English was done by John Wycliffe (1328-1384). He did his work under great duress. He was forced to stand against the Church of his day because of his Biblically held convictions. One of the main issues was over the authority of the Church versus the authority of the Bible. Many made fun of him and his early work, but his stands for truth and excellent translation produced great results for many years. The Bible was so important to Wycliffe that he was willing to give his life for it! After facing the wrath and questioning of various ecclesiastical bodies, he finally died of apoplexy, but the story does not end there. The Council of Constance (1415) declared him a "stiff necked heretic," and he was banned from the Church. Later, in

Precious Seed to offer a Bible and "*The Ramifications of Our Salvation*" to chaplains who minister to **US military troops** at home and abroad. Pray as Jim Wilds in California raises the necessary funds for this important cause!

Jackie Auzenne (from south Texas) is busy working on a Spanish translation of "*The Ramifications of Our Salvation.*"

Eleutheros Books is attempting to work with a ministry (based in Rockford, IL) called **Reformers Unanimous**. They present the Gospel and minister to people who are struggling with addiction in the US and a number of other countries!

A request has been made by a ministry in **Pakistan!** They have requested 1,000 copies of "*The Ramifications of Our Salvation.*" You can make donations to Eleutheros Books c/o Lewis Avenue Baptist Church, 6320 Lewis Ave. Temperance, MI 48182.

Eleutheros Books has a heart to work with **Gospel Outreach Mission** in **Myanmar**, headed by Rev. Martin Lalthangliana. The book will be translated into Mizo, Burmese, Kachin, Chin, Shan

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1428, the hierarchy had his body exhumed and burned, casting whatever remains there were into the river Swift.

Later, William Tyndale (1494-1536) produced another significant translation in English. He was the first to translate the Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament into English. His work was so excellent that the 54 men who translated the King James Version (1611) virtually copied his renderings 83.7% in the New Testament and 75.7% in the Old Testament. As it was with Wycliffe, so it was with Tyndale: he suffered because of his insistence that the Bible was the sole basis of spiritual authority. After considerable conflict with Church officials, Tyndale was jailed in 1535, spending a year in the Castle of Vilvourde. His life ended when he was strangled to death and cremated in 1536.

Martin Luther (1483-1546) was God's choice to begin the Reformation. He is well-known for taking a strong stand against the Church and posting 95 reasons for doing so on the doors of the church at Wittenburg in 1517; but in reality, his greatest impact came when he translated the Bible into understandable German. As with the others who preceded him, Luther was made to suffer for his unswerving faith. He was imprisoned at the Wartburg Castle (1521-22), but it was there that he began his translation work. The translation was so good

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These great translators were willing to suffer and even die for their faith!

Today, the Bible has been translated into over 1,300 languages and distributed to over 100,000,000 people worldwide every year!

No other book has such longevity! No other book has been translated so many times! And no translator has been willing to suffer as these men of God did!

This is another way of understanding just how important the Bible really is!

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[Galatians 6:9](#) "And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

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Bible Translations: A Closer

I thought about John Rataczak and his yeomen efforts on Linked-In to bring people to the Lord. Day in and Day out, John has typed computer keys till his fingertips were sore to make contacts to share his books such as "[The Ramifications of Our Salvation](#)". John could have fainted, yet the strength of the Lord has been his rock. When we make the Lord our rock, He gives us the strength to press on through incredible fatigue and overwhelming odds. Praise Lord Jesus!

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Eleutheros Ministries is dedicated to two great causes:
A revival of evangelism throughout the world.
A revival of Biblical thinking among God's people.

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