

Translations of the Bible

Heritage Christian University affirms the truth of 2 Timothy 3:14-17, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...” We rejoice in the clear biblical teaching that every human being who penned any portion of the Bible did so under the direct guidance of the Holy Spirit. The original autographs of Holy Scripture were written perfectly, completely, and without error. We have and will always give strong emphasis to the plenary, verbal inspiration of the Bible.

We appreciate the fact that there are faithful translations from which the diligent and humble student can learn the truth of God, believe the truth of God, obey the gospel, and live for Christ. Realizing that there are no perfect biblical translations, Heritage Christian University does not specify the translation to be used by its faculty and students. It is well documented that even the most sound biblical translations exhibit some weaknesses. Acknowledging the imperfection of human translators does not deny either the inspiration or the authority of Scripture. Rather, it calls us to be careful and informed students of the word.

Students at Heritage Christian University are encouraged to learn the original biblical languages. We are blessed to have instructors who excel in this area. We urge our students to become wise, balanced, well-equipped scholars who can effectively research even the most challenging texts and questions. We love the beautiful truth of Psalm 119:111, “Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart.” We love the Lord, and we love the truth. We know that trusting God includes trusting and obeying His word. We know that being approved of God always includes “rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).