

## VI. Space for Additional Notes

Equipping Class:  
Remembering the Faithful

February 26, 2023

### Lesson 5: William Tyndale (1494-1536)

#### I. Introduction

#### II. The Word of God is Not Bound (2 Timothy 2:8-10)

“Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”

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#### Recommended Reading:

- David Daniell, *William Tyndale: A Biography*
  - Steven Lawson, *The Daring Mission of William Tyndale*
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#### Next Class:

3/5 John Bunyan

#### Resources:



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Slides and Handouts

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#### III. Remember Your Leaders

- William Tyndale gave us our English Bible.
  - The 54 scholars who produced the King James Version in 1611 used 90 percent of Tyndale’s New Testament and nearly the same percentage of his Old Testament translation.
- While debating a Roman Catholic Scholar Tyndale promised, “If God spare my life ere many years, I will cause a boy that driveth the plow to know more of the Scriptures than you do.”

#### IV. Consider the Outcome of Their Way of Life

- Timeline:
  - ~1494: Born in Gloucestershire, England
  - 1512-15: Completes his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Oxford
  - 1519: Moves to Cambridge for doctoral studies but leaves before he finishes
    - Tyndale was probably converted around this time
  - 1524: Seeks patronage of Bishop Tunstall to translate English Bible but is rebuffed, so he soon travels to Germany
  - 1525: Prepares to print an English New Testament in Cologne, Germany but is soon discovered and must flee
  - 1526: Completes the NT printing in Worms
  - 1527-30: English agents seek to capture Tyndale, but he keeps moving and writing
  - 1535: Arrested in Antwerp, Belgium and placed in prison
  - 1536: Executed as a heretic in at Vilvoorde prison near Antwerp

“Christ is with us until the world’s end. Let his little flock be bold therefore. For if God be on our side, what matter maketh it who be against us, be they bishops, cardinals, popes, or whatsoever names they will?” (*Works of William Tyndale*, vol. 1, p. 135).

#### V. Imitate Their Faith

- Praise God for the Bible in English!
  - In his preface to James, Tyndale wrote: “I have here translated brethren and sisters most dear and tenderly beloved in Christ, the New Testament for your spiritual edifying, consolation, and solace” (*William Tyndale: A Biography*, David Daniell, p. 120).
  - Do you long to know the Word of God as much as you long for physical provision? (See Daniell, p. 379 and Paul in 2 Timothy 4:9-18).
- Pray and Work for the Bible in All Languages
  - “I perceived by experience, how that it was impossible to establish lay-people in any truth, except the Scripture were plainly laid before their eyes in their mother-tongue, that they might see the process, order, and meaning of the text” (*Works of William Tyndale*, vol. 1, p. 394).
  - More than 513 million people, speaking 3,955 languages, have no portion of the Word of God in their language.
    - i. Only 700 languages out of 7,360 known languages have a full Bible translation (~20% of world population).