

would innocently be introduced through unfamiliarity with the language.

In the case of Greek some innocent mistakes were made, since Greek in apostolic times was written without word divisions or punctuation. In other words, all the letters in a sentence ran together; and when later scholars divided them into individual words and phrases, they would sometimes miss a letter or add a letter to the wrong word.

In spite of these differences there is enormous agreement among the ancient manuscripts of the Bible. The agreement is so vast that the changes are insignificant beyond a general note. Therefore we feel that we have a very accurate representation of the original manuscripts. A few places are open to question for some of the reasons previously given, but by and large there can be no question but that our Bible today is a faithful production of the original work of God. The problem is not in composition but in our knowing the basic composition, and we have every reason to feel our biblical text is much like the original.

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The composition was of God; men have preserved it; and in their work, in spite of human frailty, God has overruled to make certain we should have His Word.

Why Bibles Differ

“But our Bible is different!”

With these words many a discussion about spiritual things has ended. They have occurred most often when witnessing to folk of a Roman background, but they are also heard among Protestant groups. Because their Bibles differ slightly from another