

VPP – THE DOCTRINE OF THE B-P MOVEMENT FROM THE BEGINNING

I. VPI and VPP Explained

1. VPI and VPP are about the BIBLE and NOT a translation.
2. The BIBLE refers to the Word of God in the original languages – Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.
3. KJV is an English language translation of the BIBLE, like all the other translations from the Chinese or Korean or Japanese languages. VPI and VPP are not about the KJV or any translation.
4. VPI means verbal plenary inspiration of the BIBLE. All the words of the BIBLE are inspired by God and are perfect.
5. VPP means verbal plenary preservation of the BIBLE. All the inspired words of the BIBLE are preserved by God and are perfect.
6. The BIBLE teaches VPI and VPP.
7. 2 Timothy 3:16, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” – teaches VPI.
8. Psalm 12:6-7, “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.”

Matthew 5:18, “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”

These are just two verses from the BIBLE that teach VPP. There are many more verses in the BIBLE that teach VPP.

9. Without VPP there is no VPI. The fact that we know there was a perfect BIBLE in the past (VPI) is because there is still a perfect BIBLE today (VPP). Those who reject or attack the doctrine of VPP are really attacking VPI of the BIBLE.
10. FEBC and the B-P Movement from the very beginning defend and teach both VPP and VPI and have never replaced VPI with VPP.
11. FEBC and the B-P Movement believe in VPP in order to hold on to VPI.
12. VPP is NOT a new doctrine. It is taught in the BIBLE. Therefore, it is as old as the BIBLE itself.

13. FEBC and some B-P churches in the B-P Movement coined the term VPP to defend VPI that is under attack. It is a new attack on an OLD doctrine.

14. VPP complements VPI. One cannot exist without the other.

II. VPP is NOT a divisive Doctrine

1. VPP simply means that every Christian holds in his hand a perfect BIBLE without mistakes.
2. How, then, can VPP be a divisive doctrine?
3. Why would born-again Christians be upset when they are taught that all the doctrines that they believe in come from, and stand on a BIBLE without mistakes? VPP strengthens faith and encourages. It is a blessed doctrine.
4. On the other hand, a rejection of VPP means that the BIBLE the Christian holds in his hand has mistakes. ALL the doctrines he believes in would be doubted, especially when not all alleged mistakes are told to Christians.
5. The distortions of the doctrine of VPP cause division. These distortions, both verbal and in writing, include – “VPP is about the KJV”; “those who believe in and read only the CUV are not born again”.
6. The Christian’s faith is based upon the perfect BIBLE in the original languages and not on a translation. Translations like the KJV and CUV are what Christians can read because many Christians cannot read Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. For example, when the first English or Chinese speaking Christian was converted, there was no BIBLE translated into their languages yet. However, they still became Christians because the Word of God was preached to them and they believed. In time, the BIBLE was translated into their languages. Usually, the Four Gospels would be translated and published first for believers to read, and so they would hold in their hands a translation of the BIBLE of only four out of the 66 books. The faith of the believer is not shaken even though his translation is incomplete because his faith is not based upon the four gospels only but in the same BIBLE which is in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.
7. Those who reject VPP attack every translation because they attack the BIBLE in the original languages.
8. Those who reject VPP cannot really believe in VPI because VPI cannot exist without VPP.
9. Those who reject VPP attack all the doctrines of the BIBLE. It is not true that no doctrines are affected. They do not tell the believers where all the mistakes in the BIBLE are. Some say that 1% of the BIBLE may contain discrepancies or mistakes. 1% of

783,137 words (in the KJV) is equal to 7,831 mistakes. 1% of 31,101 verses (in the KJV) is equal to 311 verses with mistakes. That is equivalent to the books of Revelation, Jude, 1, 2, and 3 John, 1 and 2 Peter combined, for they have a total of 330 verses.

III. FEBC and the B-P Movement have NOT changed but are holding on to the original doctrines of VPI and VPP

1. Both VPI and VPP are taught in the Westminster Confession of Faith.

WCF Chapter 1 – Of the Holy Scripture, section 8 states – “The Old Testament in Hebrew (which was the native language of the people of God of old), and the New Testament in Greek (which, at the time of the writing of it, was most generally known to the nations), being immediately inspired by God, and, by His singular care and providence kept pure in all ages are therefore authentic; so as in all controversies of religion, the Church is finally to appeal unto them. But, because these original tongues are not known to all the people of God, who have right unto and interest in the Scriptures, and are commanded, in the fear of God, to read and search them, therefore they are to be translated into the vulgar language of every nation unto which they come, that the Word of God dwelling plentifully in all, they may worship Him in an acceptable manner; and, through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, may have hope.” [emphasis added]

Captured in the phrases – “being immediately inspired by God” is the doctrine of VPI and, “by His singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentic” the doctrine of VPP.

2. FEBC and the B-P Movement have in the past always taught VPI explicitly and VPP implicitly. Because of the new attack on God’s perfect Word, FEBC and some of the B-P Churches now teach and defend BOTH VPI and VPP explicitly. Therefore, it is not correct to call VPP a new doctrine.
3. FEBC and the B-P Movement have not deviated and will not deviate from the original doctrinal position of both VPI and VPP found in the WCF mentioned in the 1962 Constitution of FEBC and in all the Constitutions of the B-P Churches.
4. A doctrine might be new to a Christian because he has just learned it. He is not omniscient, and he continues to learn new doctrines in his life. VPP may seem like a new doctrine because of its term, but it is not a new truth; it is as old as the BIBLE.

