

SHORT BIBLE LESSON

The original languages of the Bible

So most of the old testament was written in Hebrew, with a few parts in a language called Aramaic. The new testament was written in Greek.

Translating the original scriptures into other languages

When the original scriptures are translated into English (or any other language) the people doing it try to be very careful to capture the meaning of the original language.

There are many different approaches to translating the original scripture into another language. Each translation has its own strengths. This week the scripture passage is taken from the New International Version. This translation was put together by over 100 scholars working with the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts.

You can look up this passage in the translation you use to see how it might be a little different.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

John 15:15

¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

SOME THINGS TO PRAY AND THINK ABOUT

1. What are some of the most important qualities that a good friend has?
2. What is most important to you about a good friend?
3. Jesus makes it clear that he wants to be a friend to you and to have you as a friend. What things do you bring to your friendship with Jesus?

What things does Jesus bring to His friendship with you?

4. A good friendship requires spending time together, getting to know one another. Try spending a few minutes each day with Jesus getting to know Him better and learning how well He knows you.