

Book of the Month

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Unholy Hands on

God's Holy Book

Report on the United Bible Societies

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"The important question is not the mere number of copies (of the Bible) that are put into circulation, but the character of those copies and their freedom from doctrinal corruption. We should think but little of sermons preached, if we were only told that their number was very great, and we had reason to believe they did not set forth the Gospel of Christ, or if we knew that their object was to deny some foundation truth: one orthodox declaration of Jesus Christ crucified would be worth them all and more."

- *Samuel Prideaux Tregelles, Missionary and Bible Translator, September 17, 1859*

The Bible Societies' Strange History

Apostasy is nothing new to Bible societies. They have been apostate from the very beginning in the early 19th century. Of course their apostasy has increased with the passing years, but the destructive seeds of *false doctrine* and *ecumenism* were present from the earliest days.

The *first* Bible Society was formed in 1804 in England and named the British and Foreign Bible Society. According to *The History of Christianity*, published by Lion Publishing, 1977, "On 7 March 1804, at London Tavern, The British and Foreign Bible Society (BFBS) was established." (p. 558)

The BFBS, which was a founding member of the United Bible Societies (UBS) in 1946, was amazingly *apostate* from its beginning. Consider a few well-documented facts regarding this group's early history.

The British Bible Society *did not* allow public prayer or Bible quotations in its meetings!

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