

The Sum of Thy Word Is Truth

1. It is beneficial in our Bible study to examine other translations of the Scriptures
 - a. Apps, like Blue Letter Bible, make this easy to do
2. Had we not examined what the ASV says in [Ps. 119:160](#) we may have missed this great point
 - a. the beginning (*rosh* H7218 *roshe*) from an unused root appar. mean. to shake; the head (as most easily shaken), whether lit. or fig. (in many applications, of place, time, rank, etc.):—band, beginning, captain, chapter, chief (-est place, man, things), company, end, × every [man], excellent, first, forefront, ([be-]) head, height, (on) high (-est part, [priest]), × lead, × poor, principal, ruler, sum, top.” (Strong 106)
 - b. “This word may be used numerically, meaning the total number of persons or individuals in a group: “Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls” ([Num. 1:2](#).” (Vine 106)
 - c. “*Rosh* and its alternate form *resh* appear about 596 times in biblical Hebrew.” (Vine 105)
 - i. Eight times the KJV translates *rosh* as sum ([Ex. 30:12](#); [Num. 1:2](#), [49](#), [4:2](#), [22](#), [26:2](#), [31:26](#), [49](#))
 - ii. Fourteen times the KJV translates *rosh* as beginning ([Ex. 12:2](#), [Num. 10:10](#), [28:11](#); [Dt. 32:42](#); [Jdg. 7:19](#); [Ps. 119:160](#); [Pr. 8:23](#); [Ecc. 3:11](#); [Isa. 40:21](#), [41:4](#), [26](#), [48:16](#); [Lam. 2:19](#); [Ezek. 40:1](#))
 - iii. Almost 2:1 is *rosh* translated beginning over sum in the KJV
 - d. The KJV is not a bad translation nor is the ASV a better translation necessarily
 - i. They both aid in our understanding of God’s Word
 - ii. Is not God’s Word amazing?
 - iii. Let us be sure to use multiple, good translations in our studies
3. The Bible is clear that God’s Word is truth ([Ps. 119:160](#))
 - a. No wonder, as God is abundant in truth ([Ex. 34:5-7](#))
 - b. All the paths of the LORD are truth ([Ps. 25:10](#))
 - i. paths (*orach* H734 o’-rakh) “path” or “way” conceived as a marked-out, well-traveled course (Vine 285)
 - c. God’s Word is declared as truth in both Testaments ([Ps. 119:43](#), [142](#); [Jn. 17:17](#))
 - i. “...all thy commandments *are* truth.” ([Ps. 119:151](#))
 - ii. This is another way of saying “the sum” of thy word is truth ([Ps. 119:160](#) ASV)
 - iii. sum = totality, the whole amount
4. It is necessary to know all of God’s Word for all of God’s Word is truth
 - a. We do not want to leave anything out ([Rm. 15:4](#))
 - b. It is possible to know the truth ([Jn. 8:32](#); [2 Jn. 1](#))
 - c. We must know the truth and obey it ([Jn. 8:31](#), [14:6](#); [Jm. 1:22-25](#))
5. As we study, we must search all the Scriptures to make sure we have arrived at the proper conclusion
 - a. Like a detective, we have to gather all the evidence
 - b. This highlights the need for good study tools
 - i. Concordance, cross references, lexicons, dictionary, interlinear

- ii. Use every resource available with the greatest emphasis on the Bible to gather up all the passages
- c. Give yourself adequate time and a good environment to study
 - i. Clear your mind and study place of distractions
 - ii. Assign a set time to study
 - iii. Pray before you study
 - iv. Have a goal in mind
 - v. Stick to it!
- 6. Example: Salvation
 - a. I want to know what it takes to be saved as the Bible details it
 - b. There are 110 instances in the New Testament of the Greek word *sozo* (G4982 *sode´-zo*) often translated as “save” or “saved” in it
 - c. Jesus is necessary for salvation ([Mt. 1:21](#); [Jn. 3:17](#))
 - d. Calling on the name of the Lord results in salvation ([Acts 2:21](#); [Rm. 10:13](#); cf. [Acts 22:16](#))
 - e. Repentance and baptism are required for salvation ([Acts 2:37-40](#); [1 Pt. 3:21](#); [Mk. 16:16](#))
 - f. The saved are part of the church ([Acts 2:47](#))
 - g. No other name but Jesus’ name in which is salvation ([Acts 4:10-12](#))
 - h. Necessary to hear words in order to be saved ([Acts 11:14](#))
 - i. Grace is necessary for salvation ([Acts 15:11](#); [Eph 2:5, 8](#))
 - j. Faith is necessary for salvation ([Eph 2:8](#))
 - k. Belief is necessary for salvation ([Acts 16:30-31](#); [Mk. 16:16](#))
 - l. Blood of Christ is necessary for salvation ([Rm. 5:9](#))
 - m. Saved by the death and life of Christ ([Rm. 5:10](#))
 - n. Saved by hope ([Rm. 8:24](#))
 - o. Confession is necessary for salvation ([Rm. 10:9](#))
 - p. Preaching has a role in salvation ([1 Cor. 1:21](#))
 - q. The gospel saves ([1 Cor. 15:1-2](#))
 - r. Mercy is necessary for salvation ([Titus 3:5](#))
 - s. The Word of God is necessary for salvation ([Jm. 1:21](#))
 - t. Works (obedience) are necessary for salvation ([Jm. 2:14-18, 24](#); [Heb. 11:7](#))

Conclusion

1. God’s Word is amazing, and God has magnified it higher than His name ([Ps. 138:2](#))
 - a. The totality of God’s Word is truth
 - b. How am I doing with my study of God’s Word?
 - c. Am I gathering all the evidence before I draw a conclusion?
2. God wants us to search out His Word and discover the truth
 - a. Furthermore, He wants us to obey His will through application in our life
 - b. Studying correctly means we can teach others the Gospel
3. “The sum of thy word is truth; And every one of thy righteous ordinances endureth for ever.” ([Ps. 119:160](#) ASV)