

#doreancon 2025

Welcome!

Silicon Valley Reformed Baptist Church would like to welcome you to #doreancon 2025! It's our privilege to host this conference and to share with you our passion for freely-given ministry, especially as it is borne out in a responsible Stewardship of Scripture.

“The law from Your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.”

—Psalm 119:72

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SPEAKERS



Conley Owens is a software engineer, a pastor at Silicon Valley Reformed Baptist Church, and the father of ten kids. He is also the author of *The Dorean Principle: A Biblical Response to the Commercialization of Christianity*.



Andrew Case is a graduate of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Canada Institute of Linguistics. He serves as a Bible translation consultant, and produces a podcast about his field called *Working for the Word*. He and his wife Bethany work in Mexico. Together they founded freehebrew.online where they teach Hebrew to the world.



Michael Coughlin is a particular Baptist from Ohio—a former pastor who now serves Christ's Church through evangelism, preaching, and writing. He lives with his wife, Erin, and their four living children, striving to glorify God in all they do.

PRE-CONFERENCE DEBATE

Is Selling Licenses to Bible Translations a Sin?

Affirmative: Conley Owens

Negative: Jonathan Melin

Moderator: Michael Coughlin



Jonathan Melin is a software engineer with degrees in Biblical Studies and Bible Translation. He and his wife, Jessica, along with their four children, live near Richmond, Virginia, where he also helps with a church plant of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

SCHEDULE

Formal Debate
Break
Audience Q&A
Break
Dinner

3:30–4:30
4:30–4:45
4:45–5:45
5:45–6:00
6:00–8:00

DEBATE FORMAT

Affirmative Opening Statement	10 minutes
Cross Examination of the Affirmative	6 minutes
Negative Opening Statement	12 minutes
Cross Examination of the Negative	6 minutes
Affirmative Rebuttal	6 minutes
Negative Rebuttal + Closing Statement	8 minutes
Affirmative Closing Statement	4 minutes

STATEMENT ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF SCRIPTURE

In the past centuries, innovations in technology have greatly increased the distribution of Scripture. However, this progress has been hindered in other ways: Anti-Christian authorities continue to inhibit access as they always have, yet some of the greatest threats to the dissemination of the Word of God come from within our own institutions. The seventeenth century introduced exclusive publishing rights that limited the printing of the Authorized Version of the Bible. The eighteenth century witnessed the advent of modern copyright law, a legal mechanism that, by design, restricts the free propagation of Scripture. In our own day, these regulations have only expanded, and their impact has increased with the invention of digital publishing.

God has given his Word freely; no man has the authority to control or limit its transmission (2 Tim 2:9). The Author of Scripture has protected and preserved this Word for thousands of years, and we can trust him to continue to do so apart from human contrivances. We thank God for the labors of those who have made the Bible accessible to the nations, but we lament that many translations and editions of Scripture are burdened with legal and organizational restrictions that are ultimately inimical to the Great Commission.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, unite in one conviction: Scripture is the Word of God, and he has authorized his people to use, copy, distribute, translate, and adapt it regardless of man's consent.

May the Word of the Lord run freely and be glorified (2 Thess 3:1), filling the earth as the waters cover the sea (Isa 11:9).

Concerning the Authorship of Scripture

We affirm that God is the divine Author of Scripture, the Word of God written, and has given this Word to his people as a gift.

We deny that Scripture may be regarded as merely human writing or that any may claim an exclusive right over it.

Concerning the Identity of Scripture

We affirm that the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, and that all forms thereof—whether autograph, apograph, recension, translation, or adaptation—retain a divine quality that necessarily entails certain liberties for those to whom they are entrusted.

We deny that any human effort, creativity, or error involved in the transmission, recension, translation, or adaptation of Scripture undermines any of these liberties.

STATEMENT ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF SCRIPTURE, CONT.

Concerning the Use of Scripture

We affirm that the people of God have been given Scripture to search and meditate on, and therefore all who have access to the Word are granted the liberty to make full use of it regardless of man's consent.

We deny that misuse or any other danger undermines this liberty, or that any have a right to forcibly restrict others from lawfully using the Word of God.

Concerning the Reproduction of Scripture

We affirm that the people of God have a prerogative to preserve Scripture, and therefore all who have access to the Word are granted the liberty to copy it in any medium or format regardless of man's consent.

We deny that textual corruption or any other danger undermines this liberty, or that any have a right to forcibly restrict others from lawfully copying the Word of God.

Concerning the Distribution of Scripture

We affirm that the people of God are called to propagate Scripture, and therefore all who have access to the Word are granted the liberty to distribute it in any medium or format regardless of man's consent.

We deny that misattribution, economic exploitation, or any other danger undermines this liberty, or that any have a right to forcibly restrict others from lawfully distributing the Word of God.

Concerning the Adaptation of Scripture

We affirm that the people of God should make full use of Scripture, and therefore all who have access to the Word are granted the liberty to adapt it regardless of man's consent.

We deny that mistranslation, mishandling, or any other danger undermines this liberty, or that any have a right to forcibly restrict others from lawfully adapting the Word of God.

DEBATE NOTES

Monday, October 6

3:30 pm

Is Selling Licenses to Bible Translations a Sin?

Jonathan Melin · Conley Owens · Michael Coughlin

MESSAGE NOTES

Tuesday, October 7

9:30 am

The Pricelessness of the Word

Michael Coughlin

MESSAGE NOTES

Tuesday, October 7

10:45 am

Who Owns Manuscripts & Critical Texts?

Conley Owens

MESSAGE NOTES

Tuesday, October 7

1:30 pm

The Commercialization of Bible Societies

Andrew Case

LIGHTNING TALK AND UNCONFERENCE NOTES

Tuesday, October 7

2:45-4:45 pm

Ideas, connections, and next steps

MESSAGE NOTES

Tuesday, October 7

4:45 pm

Adaptation and Inspiration

Conley Owens

MESSAGE NOTES

Wednesday, October 8

9:30 am

Does Copyright Actually Protect the Text from Corruption?

Andrew Case

Wednesday, October 8

10:45 am

The Stewardship of Scripture

MESSAGE NOTES

Wednesday, October 8

1:30 pm

The Sin of Balaam

Conley Owens

EXTRA NOTES

Notes

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT



FirstLove Ministries

FirstLove Ministries was established in 2006 as a ministry of Christ Bible Church in Pleasanton, California in order to advance the gospel at home and abroad without charge and without compromise. Since April 2025 it has formed into a non-profit corporation to expand the ministries of its publications, missions, radio, and Grace Bible University.

firstloveministries.org



Let's Church

Let's Church is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing free technology resources to churches and Christian ministries. It offers sermon and media hosting with fully-searchable transcripts, 100% free of charge with no ads. Its code is also open source and dedicated to the public domain.

lets.church

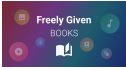


Berean Standard Bible

The Berean Standard Bible is a new English translation of the Holy Bible inspired by Acts 17:11. This translation is based on the best available manuscripts, with each word connected back to the Greek and Hebrew, providing a transparent and honest text.

bereanstandardbible.com

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT



Freely Given Books

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Silicon Valley Reformed Baptist Church exists to glorify God in one of the greatest mission fields on planet Earth! It maintains biblepod.app, baptistcatechism.org, and baptistconfession.org, and offers a free temporary housing and discipleship program for people moving to the area.

svrbc.org

Psalm 119:1-8 (Alef)

Tune: New Britain
(Amazing Grace)

Capo 5 D G D

¹Bless - ed are they that un - de - filed,
²Bless - ed are they who to ob - serve
³Such in his ways do walk, and they
⁵O that thy stat - utes to ob - serve
⁷Then with in - teg - ri - ty of heart
⁸A re - so - lu - tion that I keep

A

and straight are in the way;
 his stat - utes are in - clined;
 do no in - i - qui - ty.
 thou would'st my ways di - rect!
 thee will I praise and bless,
 thy stat - utes I did make,

D G D

Who in the Lord's most ho - ly law
 And who do seek the liv - ing God
⁴Thou hast com - man - ded us to keep
⁶Then shall I not be shamed, when I
 When I the judg - ments all have learned
 O do not then, most gra - cious God

G D

do walk, and do not stray.
 with their whole heart and mind.
 thy pre - cepts care - ful - ly.
 thy pre - cepts all re - spect.
 of thy pure right - eous - ness.
 me ut - ter - ly for - sake. A - men.

Psalm 119:9–16 (Bet)

Tune: Arlington
(O For a Thousand Tongues)

G D Em7

⁹By what means shall a young man learn
¹⁰Un - feign - ed - ly thee have I sought
¹¹Thy word I in my heart have hid,
¹³The judg - ments of thy mouth each one
¹⁵My med - i - ta - tion shall be on
¹⁶Up - on thy stat - utes my de - light

D D7 G D

To pur - i - fy his way?
 with all my soul and heart:
 that I of - fend not thee.
 my lips have all de - clared:
 your pre - cepts all my days,
 shall con - stant - ly be set:

G C

if he ac - cord - ing to thy word
 O let me not from the right path
¹²O Lord, thou ev - er bless - ed art,
¹⁴More joy thy tes - ti - mon - ies' way
 And I will give most care - ful - ly
 And, by thy grace, I nev - er will

G D7 G C G

there his at - ten - tion stay.
 of thy com - mands de - part.
 thy stat - utes teach thou me.
 than rich - es to me shared.
 re - gard to all your ways.
 thy ho - ly word for - get. A - men.

Psalm 119:17-24 (Gimel)

Tune: Carol
(It Came Upon a Midnight Clear)

Capo 1

G C G

17 With me thy ser - vant, in thy grace
20 My soul with - in me breaks, and doth
23 The prin - ces all in coun - cil sat

C A7 D7

let boun - ty be con - ferred:
much faint - ing still en - dure,
and slan - dered me in hate;

G C G

That by thy fa - vor I may live,
Through long - ing that it hath all times
But I thy ser - vant did up - on

C D7 G

and du - ly keep thy word.
un - to thy judg - ments pure.
thy stat - utes med - i - tate.

B7

Em

18 O - pen mine eyes, that of thy law
21 Thou hast re - buked the cur - sed proud,
24 My com - fort, and my heart's de - light,

D

A7

D

the won - ders I may see.
who from thy pre - cepts swerve.
thy tes - ti - mon - ies be;

G

C

G

19 I am a stran - ger on this earth,
22 Re - proach and shame re - move from me,
And they, in all my doubts and fears,

C

D7

G

C

G

hide not thy laws from me.
for I thy laws ob - serve.
are coun - sel - lers to me. A - men.

Psalm 119:25–32 (Dalet)

Tune: St. Louis
(Oh Little Town of Bethlehem)

Capo 3 D Em

25 My soul to dust cleaves: quick - en me,
28 My soul doth melt, and drop a - way,
30 I cho - sen have the per - fect way

D A7 D

ac - cord - ing to thy word.
for - heav - i - ness and grief:
of truth and ver - i - ty:

B Em

26 Teach me thy stat - utes, for I've shown
To me, ac - cord - ing to thy word,
Thy judg - ments that most right - eous are

D A7

my give ways, and thou hast heard.
I've strength, and send re - lief.
I've laid in front of me.

Bm7

F#

²⁷The way of thy pre - cepts, I pray,
²⁹From me the wick - ed way of lies
³¹I to thy tes - ti - mon - ies cleave;

G

F#

make me a - right to know;
 let far re - mo - ved be;
 shame do not on me cast.

D

G

So all thy works that won - drous are
 and gra - cious - ly thy ho - ly law
³²I'll run thy pre - cepts' way, when thou

D

G

D

I shall to oth - ers show.
 do thou grant un - to me.
 my heart en - larg - ed hast. A - men.

Psalm 119:33–40 (He)

Tune: Kingsfold
(I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say)

Em C D7 G Em D

33 Teach me, O Lord, the per - fect way
35 Make me to walk in thy law's path,
38 Con - firm to me thy gra - cious word,

G Am C Dsus4

of thy pre - cepts di - vine,
with joy I there re - main.
which I did glad - ly hear,

G C Am7 D G A7 D

And to ob - serve it to the end
36 In - cline my heart to your de - crees
Ev'n to thy ser - vant, Lord, who is

G Am Em

I shall my heart in - cline.
and not to sel - fish gain.
de - vo - ted to thy fear.

Bm Em7 Am D G

³⁴Good un - der - stand - ing I would ask
³⁷Turn thou a - way my sight and eyes
³⁹Turn thou a - way my fear'd re - proach;

C Dsus4

thou un - to me im - part,
 from view - ing van - i - ty;
 for good thy judg - ments be.

G C Am G A7 D

That tru - ly I'd keep and ob - serve
 And in thy good and ho - ly way
⁴⁰Lo, for thy pre - cepts I have long'd;

G Bm Am Em Am7 Em

thy law with all my heart.
 be pleased to quick - en me.
 in thy truth quick - en me. A - men.

Psalm 119:41–48 (Vav)

Tune: Ellacombe
(I Sing th' Almighty Power of God)

Capo 3

G

Em C D

41 Let thy sweet mer - cies al - so come
43 O Lord, thy ho - ly word of truth
46 I'll speak thy word to kings, and I

C D G

and vis - it me, O Lord;
do not from my mouth pry;
won't be a - shamed there of;

Em C D

Ev'n thy sal - va - tion, which to me
For on thy judg - ments, just and right,
47 And will de - light my - self al - ways

C D G

thy prom - ise doth af - ford.
my hope doth still re - ly.
in thy laws, which I love.

Em7 D

⁴²So shall I have where - with I may
⁴⁴So shall I keep for ev - er - more
⁴⁸To thy com - mand - ments, which I loved,

G Em7 D

give him an an - swer just,
 thy law con - tin - ual - ly
 my hands lift up I will;

G Em C D

Who spite - ful - ly re - proach - eth me;
⁴⁵And, since that I thy pre - cepts seek,
 And I will al - so med - i - tate

C D G C G

for in thy word I trust.
 I'll walk at lib - er - ty.
 up - on thy stat - utes still. A - men.

Psalm 119:49-56 (Zayin)

Tune: Crimond
(The Lord's My Shepherd)

Capo 3 D A7 D Em D A D

49 Re - mem - ber, Lord, thy gra - cious word
50 This ev - er will my com - fort be
51 The men whose hearts with pride are stuffed
52 Oh Lord, your judge - ments from of old
55 Hor - ror took hold on me, be - cause
Thy name by night, Lord, I did mind,

A E A

thou to thy ser - vant spake,
in midst of all my strife;
did great - ly me de - ride;
I do re - call to mind.
ill men thy law for - sake.
and I have kept thy law.

A7 D A D Em7 A7 D

Which, for a ground of my sure hope,
Your pro - mi - ses made un - to me
Yet from all thy com - mand - ments straight
More - o - ver in each one of these
54 I in my house of pil - grim - age
56 And this I had, be - cause thy word

Em D A D G D

thou caus - ed me to take.
have quick - ened me with life.
I have not turned a - side.
I do great com - fort find.
thy laws my songs do make.
I kept, and stood in awe. A - men.

Psalm 119:57-64 (Het)

Tune: St. Columba
(How Sweet and Awesome)

Capo 1 D A D A Bm

57 Thou art my por - tion, O my Lord,
58 With my whole heart I did en - treat
59 I thought up - on my for - mer ways,
60 I did not hes - i - tat - ing stay;
61 Bands of ill men robbed me; yet I
63 I am com - pan - ion to all those

D G 3 D

Thee on - - ly I've pre - ferred:
thy face and fa - vor free:
and did my life well try;
I did not lin - ger there,
thy pre - cepts did not slight.
who fear, and thee o - bey.

Bm D A7 Bm

I have re - solved, and said, that I
Ac - cord - ing to thy gra - cious word
And to thy tes - ti - mon - ies pure
But has - ti - ly thy laws to keep
62 I'll rise at mid - night thee to praise,
64 O Lord, thy mer - cy fills the earth:

D A D G D

would keep thy ho - ly word.
be mer - ci - ful to me.
my feet then turn - ed I.
my - self I did pre - pare.
ev'n for thy judg - ments right.
teach me thy laws, I pray. A - men.

Psalm 119:65–72 (Tet)

Tune: Auld Lang Syne

Capo 3 D A

⁶⁵O Lord, thy ser - vant, as thou said
⁶⁹Though ma - ny men puffed up with pride
⁷¹My strife, to learn thy stat - utes just,

Bm G

in truth did good re - ceive
 with lies have slan - dered me,
 was for a good - ly cause.

D A

⁶⁶Good judg - ment me, and know - ledge teach,
 Still all thy pre - cepts thou hast giv'n
 That I might well in - struc - ted be,

Bm G D

for I thy word be - lieve.
 I keep whole - heart - ed - ly.
 and learn thy ho - ly laws.

A

67 Ere I af - flic - ted was I strayed;
 70 Their hearts, through world - ly ease and wealth,
 72 The word that com - eth from thy mouth

D

G

but now I heed thy speech;
 as fat as grease thy be:
 is bet - ter un - to me

D

A

68 Both good thou art, and good thou do'st:
 But in thy ho - ly law I take
 Than man - y thou - sands and great sums

Bm G D Em7 D

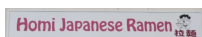
thy stat - utes to me teach.
 de - light con - tin - u - ally.
 of gold and sil - ver be. A - men.

RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Homi Ramen

(0.7 mi)

The kimchi ramen
is Pastor Conley's
favorite.



St John's Bar & Grill (1.6 mi)

Good burgers with outdoor seating.

Giovanni's Pizza (0.7 mi)

Authentic New York
style pizza.



Laughing Monk Brewing (1.3 mi)

Nearest (and best) brewery around.

Quiroga

Taqueria (1.6 mi)

Top-notch taco
food truck.



In 'n' Out (1.9 mi)

A West Coast right of passage. It doesn't count
unless you get a Double-Double Animal Style.

Join us Wednesday night!

SVRBC meets weekly for dinner and prayer:

6:00 pm — Dinner under the tent

7:00 pm — Bible study and prayer