



KOINE University is an *achievement*; and, as an *achievement*, it serves to likewise achieve “university among an age of diversity.” While the idea of university typically includes a “Brick and Mortar” concept of multiple colleges, or an online educational institution performing the same function without brick and mortar, KOINE-U functions as a resource for Bible students, and incorporates an array of KOINE Colleagues who add value to the process of achieving university.

University is *not* that which KOINE achieves through compromise or any other such ecumenical notions. KOINE achieves university through its demonstration of the use, and usefulness of the Bible Languages according to things like grammar, syntax, etymology, and context: Hermeneutical elements.

Through an open and very vulnerable approach both the New and Old Covenants will be approached, the languages engaged, and the limits and opportunities afforded will be realized and seized. Bible students will find the resource invaluable as they can safely observe workmen, diligently engaging their task. KOINE further achieves *University* through positing the texts of Scriptures, rather than negating different kinds of things. KOINE achieves *University* through text, rather than talk, by *positing* the text rather than *negating* the talk. KOINE-U recognizes no



more positive practice than that of an *expositor* of the text; neither does KOINE-U recognize a more negative practice than that demonstrated by text avoidance, and empty talk.

As students of the Scriptures, we know personally the isolation, accusations, and disconnections that can materialize as one embarks upon his field of labor: Laborers can actually become paranoid, anxious, and distressed. These regrettable realities can often find approved workmen-hermeneutical practitioners-without an iron by which to sharpen their own. As practitioners of the science of Hermeneutics, KOINE-U will go beyond speaking about hermeneutics, but rather, will practice hermeneutics according to a collaborative learning approach through a collective learning process. That is, we will achieve *university* by working together with like-minded hermeneutical practitioners, in order to produce text-based learning outcomes: Each outcome will be considered “valid only” insofar as it reflects that which is prompted, or contained within the text...yes, we will forever review and revise to continuously align our university with the original texts...no, KOINE-U will not continuously review and revise, in order that we might adapt the texts to the talk.

KOINE recognizes the unique faith contained and conveyed through the original Hebrew and Koine Greek texts, and further recognizes our own elements of diversity from those; however, KOINE-U functions to reflect the labor of contemporary hermeneutical practitioners- *KOINE Colleagues*-for the purpose of facilitating the work of such men as they agonize to prevail the talk with the text: A good agony, indeed!

Recognizing that the Great Commissioner understands the difference between what should never change and what should be open for change, KOINE-U remains focused upon achievement through alignment with that which *should never change*. Wherefore, as KOINE Colleagues conjoin our efforts, those “conjoined-efforts” will be directed toward the unchanging



texts. KOINE-U is comprised of an ever growing group of colleagues committed to life-long learning, as well as, life-long teaching. We are hermeneutical practitioners that desire to do for others that which we would have them do for us; specifically, safely, and considerately collaborate in a Christ-like manner, realizing the mutual benefits to all that engage accordingly.

Calling attention to no individual, KOINE-U serves under the purview of an Assembly of Christ, and is in no way a substitute for Seminary training. Many among the KOINE Colleagues are graduates from the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas and desire to not have the university that has been achieved to be perceived as anything less than the fruit of many generations of preachers, Pastors, and hermeneutical practitioners who have invested their lives so that we might have found ours. KOINE-U will function to sustain an unchanging *University* in an ever-changing culture of diversity. Guidance toward textual understanding alone will nurture and foster this kind of university. When hermeneutical practitioners leave their schools or seminaries of training, no sustainable resource is necessarily available to extend, and engage the practitioner any further: He often finds himself alone among no fellow practitioners, no co-laborers in the word, merely one subjected to the prevailing trends, and trend-setters that do not necessarily embrace the trade or craft of hermeneutical practitioners. As professional practitioners of the science of hermeneutics, KOINE-U answers the need for practitioner and apprentice alike; namely, fellow colleagues, collaborative training, and collective learning through doing.

Our core ideology, and envisioned future go hand in hand: Our ideology is that for which we stand; namely, the original texts (all of them), and their proper handling; our envisioned future is to become an unsurpassed resource for all Missionary Baptists faithfully serving throughout the world, providing unsurpassed *text-based products*, in order that they might further



excel in the field into which they have been, and remain called. Finally, to become an open, honest, safe source, of *text-based fellowship* according to which one might experience learning, rather than ridicule; encouragement to excel in exposition, to achieve *text-based university* in a talk-based world of diversity. Our Vision simply provides the context for bringing this dynamic to life. Building a visionary university like KOINE-U requires 1% vision and 99% adherence.

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