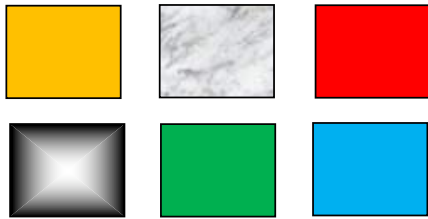


The Gospel of the Good News



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“Let there be Light” – Gen 1:3

THE GOSPEL OF THE GOOD NEWS

Notwithstanding what your perceptions are of the Gospel, the Bible, God the Father, Jesus the Son and / or the Holy Spirit – the fact of the matter is that God LOVES you very much. He loved the world so much that He did not even impute any sin on the human race. Yes, He did not – in our place – He sent His own Son – Jesus – to impute your sin and all the sin of this world on Him. Through the shedding of Jesus’ blood, He made atonement for you and me and God’s wrath for sin ended. There is now peace between Him and us.

After the prophet Isaiah prophesied the words in Isaiah 61:1, Jesus came down from heaven, opened the book of Isaiah and read from the very same scripture:

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When he sat down he said: “**This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.** Luke 4:21b KJV. This is profound words of Jesus, saying now I am here to fulfill the scripture;

- Preach the Gospel – your **Salvation**
- Spirit of the Lord is upon me - your Spirit **Baptism**
- Recover your sight to the blind – your **Healing**
- Proclaim liberty to the captives – your **Deliverance**
- Heal the broken hearts – your Emotional **Healing**

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GOD – THE CREATOR

In the beginning – God **created** heaven and the earth (*Genesis 1:1*) – And God saw everything he had made was **very good** (*Genesis 1:31*). Look at the birds in the sky - they don't plant or harvest or gather food into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. You are more **valuable** than they are, aren't you? (*Matthews 6:26*). God shall **supply all your need** according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus (*Philippians 4:19*).

But if a person isn't loving and kind, it shows that he doesn't know God—for **God is love** (*1John 4:8 TLB*). "For this is how **God loved the world**: He gave his unique **Son** so that everyone who believes in him might not be lost but have eternal life (*John 3:16 ISV*). But God **showed his great love** for us by sending Christ to die for us while **we were still sinners** (*Romans 5:8 – TLB*).

"The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, **slow to anger**, and filled with **gracious love** and truth (*Exodus 34:6*). God hold you so tight in His love, that there is just nothing that can or will separate you from this love of Him for you:

*"Who shall **separate** us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (*Romans 8:35*). Nor **height**, nor **depth**, nor any other **creature**, shall be able to separate us from the **love of God**, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (*Romans 8:39*).*

It does not matter what you have done in your life, He loves you so much that He is still busy drawing you to Him every day: *"For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me **draws him to me**, and at the Last Day I will cause all such to **rise again from the dead** (*John 6:44 - TLB*). How blessed is the person whose **sins the Lord will never charge against him!**" (*Romans 4:8*).*



God is a jealous God and He does not want to share us with anything else: *"indeed, you are not to bow down in **worship to any other god**, because the LORD's name is Jealous—he's a **jealous God**" (*Exodus 34:14*).*

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for God has said, "I will **never leave you or abandon you.**" (*Hebrews 13:5 - ISV*)

I never change— *"Jesus Christ is the **same** yesterday, and today, and forever (*Hebrews 13:8*). I cannot lie - In hope of eternal life, which God, that **cannot lie**, promised before the world began (*Titus 1:2*). And **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (*John 14:6*).*

My word shall stand forever (*The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever Isaiah 40:8*) and my words will never return empty handed, they complete the assignment I gave them (*Just as rain and snow descend from the skies and don't go back until they've watered the earth, Doing their work of making things grow and blossom, producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry, So will the words that come out of my mouth not come back empty-handed. They'll do the work I sent them to do, they'll complete the assignment I gave them - Isaiah 55:11*).

I never change, My word will do exactly what I commanded to do and you can believe My word and My word upholds everything - the whole creation – by the power of My words (*Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and **upholding all things by the word of his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high Hebrews 1:3*).

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BORN FROM “CORRUPTIBLE SEED”

Adam & Eve rebelled against God in the Garden of Eden. Instead of listening to God and obeying His instructions, **they submitted to the seductive words of the devil** and ate from the tree God forbid them (*And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? Genesis 3:11*). **Sin entered the human race** and from that day on we are all born from a “corruptible seed”. “Except a man **be born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (*John 3:3*). **Being born again**, not of **corruptible seed**, but of **incorruptible**, by the **word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever (*1 Peter 1:23*).

Our human body is flesh and born out of a corruptible seed - “*That which is **born of the flesh is flesh**; and that which is **born of the Spirit is a spirit*** (*John 3:6*). We need to be born again of the Spirit to be saved; “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God (*John 3:5*). Our mortal body must put on the spirit which is immortal and this corruptible body must put on incorruption to enter internal life: “For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality (*1 Corinthians 15:53*). I love you so much and never even imputing your sins on you (God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation *2 Corinthians 5:19*).

Believe in my words and I will deliver you from all your destructions and passes you from death to eternal life.

*“I am telling you the truth: those who **hear my words and believe** in him who sent me have eternal life. They will not be judged, but have already passed from death to life. John 5:24 GNB*

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions (*Psalms 107:20*).

And I will give you **pastors according** to mine **heart**, which **shall feed you with knowledge and understanding** (*Jeremiah 3:15*).



“IT IS FINISHED - TETELESTAI”

Isn't this amazing news of the love of God who does not even count our sins against us, but instead giving us the message of how to become His friends (*God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the message which tells how he makes them his friends 2 Cor 5:19b*). God the Father, could not wait to send His son to take away His anger and wrath which exist between Him and us because of the sin of this world. *For God has not chosen to pour out his anger upon us but to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ; ¹⁰ he died for us so that we can live with him forever, whether we are dead or alive at the time of his return. ¹¹ So encourage each other to build each other up, just as you are already doing (1 Thessalonians 5:9 TLB)*.

The best news that you will and can ever hear in your life, is that God already paid for everything (*it is like winning the Lotto – you only need to claim your prize*). On the cross at Calvary, Jesus called out: “**It is finished**” (*John 19:30*). In English, three words, in Greek one word: “**Tetelestai**”. God sent Jesus in our place to take the blame and died in our place for all the sins of this world – from the days of Adam & Eve until the end of this world. Even better news is that through His death and resurrection, Jesus **made peace** and will **reconcile** us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility (*Ephesians 2:16 ESV*). There is now peace between us and God: “For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility” (*Ephesians 2:14 ESV*). He is the one who took God's **wrath against our sins upon himself** and brought us into **fellowship with God**, and he is the forgiveness for our sins, and not only ours but all the world's (*1 John 2:2 TLB*).

You can come with boldness and claim your prize. You only need to believe and to confess that Jesus is Lord and the Messiah:

“For with the **heart one believes** and is justified, and **with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**” Rom 10:10





“NEW CREATURE”

When you believe with your whole heart and confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord and Saviour – you enter the Kingdom of God. **Congratulations** with your new life. You are a **new creature**: “*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new*” (2 Corinthians 5:17). **Perfectly made**; “*That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works* (2 Timothy 3:17) and having now the mind of Christ; “*For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ* (1 Corinthians 2:16). You now have “**The measure of Faith**”, which is the same faith Jesus had on earth – “*according to as God hath dealt with every man THE measure of faith*” (Romans 12:3). Your newborn spirit is as perfect as Christ, vacuum packed and **sealed** with the Holy Spirit and will never change again: “*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise* (Ephesians 1:13). Lay down the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:22, 24).

I am writing these things to all of you, my little children, **because your sins have been forgiven in the name of Jesus our Savior**.¹³ I am saying these things to you older men because you really know Christ, the one who has been alive from the beginning. And you young men, I am talking to you **because you have won your battle with Satan**. And I am writing to you younger boys and girls because you, too, have **learned to know God our Father** (1 John 2:12 TLB).

Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for **when you love these things you show that you do not really love God**; 16 for all these worldly things, these **evil desires—the craze for sex, the ambition to buy everything that appeals to you, and the pride that comes from wealth and importance—these are not from God**. They are from this evil world itself.



17 And this world is fading away, and these evil, forbidden things will go with it, but whoever keeps doing the will of God will live forever. (1 John 2:15-17 TLB)

Dear children, **this world's last hour has come**. You have heard about the Antichrist who is coming—the one who is against Christ—and already many such persons have appeared. This makes us all the more certain that the end of the world is near.¹⁹ These “against-Christ” people used to be members of our churches, but they never really belonged with us or else they would have stayed. When they left us it proved that they were not of us at all.²⁰ But you are not like that, for the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you know the truth.²¹ So I am not writing to you as to those who need to know the truth, but **I warn you as those who can discern the difference between true and false**. (1 John 2:18-21)

Those who obey their **human nature cannot please God**.⁹ But you do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead, **you live as the Spirit** tells you to---if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.¹⁰ But if Christ lives in you, the Spirit is life for you because you have been put right with God, even though your bodies are going to die because of sin.¹¹ If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, lives in you, then he who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies by the presence of his Spirit in you (Rom 8:8-11 GNB). Those who are children of God do not continue to sin, for God's very nature is in them; and because God is their Father, **they cannot continue to sin** (1 John 3:9 GNB).

As a new creature, born again believer – come to Jesus if you are thirsty – come and drink from the living waters and streams of living water will come out of your innermost being and personality.

On the last and most important day of the festival Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice, “Whoever is thirsty should come to me, and 38 whoever believes in me should drink. As the scripture says, ‘Streams of life-giving water will pour out from his side.’” (John 7:37).





“RENEW YOUR MIND”

God instructed us not to be conformed anymore to this world, but that we will **renew our mind** (*Do not be conformed to this world, but continually be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you may be able to determine what God's will is—what is proper, pleasing, and perfect (Romans 12:2)*). You need to purify yourself by the truth which we can only find in the Word of God (*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy **word is truth** John 17:17*) so we can become pure as God is (*And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure 1 John 3:3*). Your new life in Christ on earth is a walk through sanctification and cleansing with the washing of water by the word of God: “**That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word**” (Ephesians 5:26).

Be **baptized** (*to immerse; to dunk to submerge. It does not mean to be sprinkled!*) as a declaration and symbol of your salvation – **Receive** the baptism of the **Holy Spirit** (*Acts 19:2 Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?*) and ask the Holy Spirit to give you a new language that edifies (*He that speaketh in a tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church 1 Corinthians 14:4 ASV*), you in the spirit (*They shall speak with new tongues Mark 16:17*).

Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *him*, that the body of sin may be done away with, so that we should no longer be in bondage to sin (Rom 6:6)

Regarding your former way of life, you were taught to **strip off your old nature**, which is being **ruined by its deceptive desires**,²³ to be **renewed in your mental attitude**,²⁴ and to **clothe yourselves with the new nature**, which was created according to God's image in righteousness and true holiness.²⁵ Therefore, stripping off falsehood, “let each of us **speak the truth** to his neighbor,” for we belong to one another. (*Ephesians 4:22*)

The weapons God gave to us for our new life are not carnal, but mighty through God to pull down strongholds formed in our minds.



For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:⁴ (For the **weapons of our warfare are not carnal**, but **mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds**;) ⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (*2 Corinthians 10:3-5*).

Hence, keep your thoughts fixed on what is true and good and right. And put everything that you had learned from God into practice and receive heavenly peace from God.

Fix your **thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others**. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about. ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned from me and saw me doing, and the God of peace will be with you (*Philippians 4:8-9 TLB*)

Keep meditating on the Word of God, on all of His instructions, day and night.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. (*Joshua 1:8*).

I respect and love your commandments; I will meditate on your instructions (*Psalms 119:48 GNB*).

Now that your heaven is your new home – stay away from all the evil pleasures of this world. God is your protector – He is your stronghold and fortress – RUN to Him for your protection.

Dear brothers, you are only visitors here. Since your real home is in heaven, I beg you to keep away from the evil pleasures of this world; they are not for you, for they fight against your very souls (1 Peter 2:11 TLB).

The LORD is my protector; he is my strong fortress. My God is my protection, and with him I am safe. He protects me like a shield; he defends me and keeps me safe. (Psalms 18:2 GNB).





JESUS IS COMING BACK

One thing is sure – JESUS is coming back – For those who overcame this world and who have VICTORY:

As the disciples were still looking how Jesus disappeared in the clouds, two men in white robes stood right beside them: They asked, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, **will come back in the same way you saw him go up into heaven.**" (Acts 1:11).

Just as Moses sang a song of victory after walking through the Red Sea on dry land; *"Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, I will sing unto the LORD, **for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea**"*² The LORD is my strength and song, and he becomes **my salvation**: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him (Exodus 15:1-2). **SO will we – those who overcome;**

*"And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the **victory over the beast**, and over his **image**, and over his **mark**, and over the **number** of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. 3 And they **sing the song of Moses** the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints (Revelation 15:2-3)*

Rev 22:12 "See! **I am coming soon!** My reward is with me to repay everyone according to his action. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. 14 "How blessed are those who wash their robes so that they may have the right to the **tree of life** and may go through the gates into the city! 16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give this testimony to you for the churches. I am the root and descendent of David, the bright morning star."

"Yes, I am coming soon!" Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20b)

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*"I am the Bright Morning Star -
Surely I come quickly"
Rev 22:16, 20*

