

Bible Mysteries

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IS THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL HIDDEN?

2 Corinthians 4:3 - 2 Corinthians 4:5 " - - But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4) whose minds the God of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 5) For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bond servants for Jesus' sake.

In today's secular society it is hard to know what to believe. In the decades following the turn of the 21st Century discourse has turned to the subject of "fundamentalism" and in keeping with the spirit of the times, a conclusion seems to be drawn that connects fundamentalism *of any kind* to represent a non-thinking, highly dangerous and threatening **religious viewpoint**. Theologians more and more quickly disassociate themselves with anything called fundamentalist Christianity. Thousands are turning away from the true Gospel which is the original and **fundamental Gospel**. That which was brought into being by the Apostle's of Jesus Christ the Messiah.

Instead of accepting the Gospel in its purity and simplicity, churches are turning to a message of an *evolving Gospel*. They are altering the text of the Bible or throwing out conventional Bible interpretation. They can not accept the Bible as a reliable document to follow literally. This is called "Progressive Christianity."

Such a viewpoint is taught by highly intelligent theologians, strong on intellect but dangerously weak in truth. Obviously the original text presented features that these "thinkers" considered too restrictive or too unpopular for the secular, instant gratification masses. They have judged Almighty God not to be the sort to have presented a Gospel that required one door, Jesus; one mediator, Jesus; one chance, believe or perish; one commodity that can save from sin, the blood of Jesus the crucified 'Lamb of God.' Such blind leaders of the blind have judged themselves to be more enlightened and qualified to explain the nature of God and His Gift than those who originally were blinded by the magnitude of resurrected Lord's glorious presence.

If the Gospel is not taught in its fullness, it remains hidden. Who is wise enough to receive it?

Jesus explained it this way, " - - unless you be converted like a small child, you can not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. " The qualifications are to believe as a child, simply and unquestioning.

The Gospel, 'good news' bring blessings not hurt; peace not warfare; sharing not taking and hoarding; Godliness, not cruelty and violence toward others. There is nothing that equates the fundamental Islam to fundamental Christianity. They have another Jesus, another spirit, another 'revealed' message. It should not be difficult to see that the message of the Quran of Islam is not consistent with the Gospel of 'Good News' to all humanity.

Cults and religions disallow **the free gift of God**, which includes peace with God; righteous standing before God, freedom from God's judgment; or the Joy of His presence. They deny the identity of Jesus as God's son as the Savior who paid the price for sin. They deny that Judgment will fall upon those who would have it any other way.

The Bible explains, there is *one* man, *one* savior, *one* Lord destined to reign over the whole earth and He is the *one* who was pierced for us and rose to allow us to inheritors of the same resurrection. This is the gospel. We are free to choose. But to choose wrong is to choose NOT to avail yourself the gift of **eternal life**.

Matthew 16:16 But who do **you** say that I am?

(This question will separate true believers from unbelievers)

Jesus asks his disciples this question; "Who do you say that I am?" Peter, answers and says, "You are the Messiah, (the Christ) the son of the Living God." Jesus then tells Peter, " - - - Flesh and blood have not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. This is an example of how we receive knowledge of hidden things,

Hidden things of God: Revealed by the Holy Spirit:

1Corinthians 2:0 - - "Eye has not seen nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those that love him. 10: But God has revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11. For what man knows the things of a man, except by the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God, know man knows, except by the Spirit of God.

THE GOSPEL IS ABOUT ONE MAN

Jesus of Nazareth, The Jesus of the Gospel

It seems that in the course of living a "religious" life, we can lose sight of some of the most basic essentials of Christianity, essentials which contain within them foundational truths and indispensable revelation. Among these essentials truths is the fact that the Christian faith is built upon a man, one man who is the only begotten son of God. Who is this man and what makes him special? Did he come to teach about love? Did he come to model a moral lifestyle? Did he come to found a religion replete with ritualistic protocols? Who do men say that I am?, Jesus asked his disciples. If we do not get the correct answer to that question, you can not avail yourself of the 'gift of God' which he brings. There is a simple African hymn-tune that states: God loved the world and sent a savior, That we might live with Him forever, If you believe, if you receive, You can be born again.

Jesus was born a man, he was a man, but he was more than a man.

His name in Hebrew was Jeshua, or Yeshua (Yeshua equals Jesus meaning - JHVH (Jehovah) is salvation.) It was only after his ministry, death and resurrection that he became known as the Christ. Christ was not his last name. Christ (Greek, *Kristos*) is the equivalent title for the Hebrew Meshiach (Messiah), the Anointed One, the Son of God. Jesus name in Hebrew, Yeshua, means Jehovah is Salvation. Angels were sent to announce the miraculous birth both to Mary and to Joseph, in the gospel accounts. The angels told them what his name was to be, You shall call His name Jesus (Yeshua) for he shall save his people - -(Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:31). Prophecy foretold the Messiah's birth in detail. Prophecy is the testimony or witness of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 19:10.) It began in the earliest verses of the Book of Genesis and continues through the books of the law, the psalms, and the prophetic books of the first covenant, (old testament.) There is an unbroken line of scriptural promises and scriptural fulfillment attesting to the birth of Jesus. In addition Jesus Christ was portrayed metaphorically as a spiritual type throughout all of the Old Testament. In a sense the whole Bible is a composite picture which, when constructed shows the fullness of God in one Man, the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Prophetic words spoken and recorded hundred of years in advance, describe the birth, life, and death of Jesus Christ in perfect detail. His birth was to be at a certain place, at a certain time, under certain circumstances. At the birth of Jesus, God affirmed that Word of prophecy with precision. Precisely and in perfect timing. Jesus' life continued on its prophetic course, as sure as hands on fine clock, from the time of Jesus matured and was presented to the public, to his being received as the messiah (by some) rejected, tried, and crucified. All of these events followed a precise time line corresponding to the sure words of prophecy.

God's prophets were afforded no misses in their predictions. A prophet who missed only 10% of the time was declared a false prophet and subject to death by stoning.

There are many interesting books and commentaries which biblical scholars have written that detail the scores of specific prophetic scriptures and their fulfillment in the life of Jesus. Though the study of prophecy per-se goes beyond the scope of this writing, it is important to note that Messiah was clearly promised by God. Jesus and Salvation is of the Jews. (From and through the Jews.)

The Jews were the people that God chose and nurtured in order to bring forth the Messiah. God chose a man, (Abraham) made a covenant with him with the singular purpose of having a people for His own special treasure and pleasure. These are they whose way was foreknown from Moses to King David, and to the prophets, through trials, through captivity and deliverance. This people of God was to prepare for the "seed." His man, His king, His savior.

It was God's Wisdom, to construct this Way, in such a manner as to make the working impossible in man's eyes and in man's reasoning, so that He could prove the excellency of His own power. When God chose and man (Abraham,) he chose one as good as dead, old

in years and whose wife (Sarah) was far past the age of childbearing and nurturing.

When He chose a king, He chose a shepherd boy, (David). When He chose a woman to bear the Messiah He chose a virgin. When Jesus Christ chose his disciples he chose unlearned fishermen or workmen. When He chose how to establish a kingdom he chose a king who would forgo an earthly crown and die the death of sinful man upon a cross.

God chose the way of faith.

Faith is essentially a way of being persuaded by believing rather than by observation and reasoning.

God chose to make reason and human smartness a pitfall to hearing and believing His word and His promises.

Jesus the Son of God; The Messiah

The Anointed One, The prophesied Son of David. This Messiah, destined to sit upon the throne of an earthly kingdom will yet sit upon the throne of an earthly kingdom. But that time is still to come. He will at the end of this age put a total end to all opposition and rebellion against God's purposes. This end time event is described prophetically as The Day of Vengeance (Day of Wrath) or the Day of the Lord. The Day of the Lord is a time promised in scripture, when all unbelief, unrighteous, and rebellion will be addressed and overcome by God himself. It will not be accomplished through negotiation or compromise; it will not be accomplished with reasoning, negotiation, nor with political bargaining, nor with treaty making. Rather, God will exercise supernatural power, all of the forces of heaven and earth against all the nations and peoples who stand in rebellion against the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. (See [Rapture](#) ----- See commentary on [preterist doctrine](#).)

In a prophetic period which through our best understanding of present day news and signs, is coming in the very near future, the Messiah of the Gospels will return in majestic glory revealed in the skies. He will not be that charismatic politician winning over the peoples of the earth. He will rule with the force and authority of the name of God Almighty. And one more very important attribute, lest you should be deceived; He is the one who carries the imprint of the nails in His hands! (Zechariah 13.6.)

Who is Jesus? The Son of God.

Jesus was conceived by the Spirit of God. This makes him the only begotten son of God. He is the seed of the woman who is mentioned in Genesis 3:15. It is important to understand that the father's blood line of Jesus' parental inheritance is that of God himself who was and is sinless and undefiled. Yet within the human seed is the nature of humanity, weaknesses, want and human emotion.

The life that Jesus lived was a life lived within the limits of the human condition. Yet scripture states that He knew no sin, and though he was tempted in all areas just as we are. He remained undefiled and separate from the sin nature which is particular to all of the natural born human race. (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26)

He was a man, but certainly unlike humanity in a special way. The human race according to the bible, has an Adamic hereditary line or genealogy, descended from the line of Adam. Since Adam the human race is under a curse. The fall and the curse is portrayed in the first chapters of Genesis. At the moment, you may not believe in Adam or in any kind of curse, but for the time being, set that argument aside. God can work that issue out with you at a later time. It is necessary to believe that the Bible is not a fable or fiction. To argue against the Bible is to lose the blessing of believing in it, both in small questions and in larger questions.

Jesus submitted his will to God the Father

The Jesus of the Gospels demonstrated meekness, submission and servant-hood. He did not present himself as a worldly leader, nor a member of the religious establishment. Jesus did not demonstrate Godlike powers at will from his infancy onward, though some apocryphal tradition states this. Scripture indicates he did no miracles until his baptism in the Jordan river by the prophet who announced and made the way for Jesus' ministry, John the Baptist. After his baptism at about the age of 30 the Spirit of God came upon him and filled him with the necessary endowment of miracle-working power. Even with supernatural spiritual endowments there were times when Jesus himself was not able to heal or do mighty works, this was owing to the belief or unbelief of those he ministered to.

While Jesus did not flaunt God-hood it would be an error to say that he did not know of his DIVINE nature or of his divine calling. He spoke of being about his Father's business even as a child. Jesus was filled with grace and wisdom, both of which are spiritual enablements given by God. Jesus was the Logos (the Word, the whole counsel of God) made flesh.

A movie which came out several years ago, *The Last Temptation of Christ*, portrayed Jesus as mostly human and flawed with the worst of human weaknesses, dark passions, indecision and unbelief. It is a depiction of a Jesus with no divine or supernatural inheritance, whose only vision was of some kind of vague personal sacrifice. Though this is interesting fiction it does not dignify the person of Jesus Christ as having transcendent divinity or as having any potential for impacting humanity with eternal consequences.

Jesus Christ, The Word Made Flesh

The Son of God, the Word was made Flesh. He was born into human form but he also had preexistence with God. This can not, however, be said of the rest of the human race. Jesus spoke of His own glory which he had with the Father before the world was in his prayer recorded in John chapter seventeen. From this it can be stated with certainty that Jesus of

Nazareth, the Son of God was also God. This becomes one awesome mysteries of the nature and person of God. I find it beyond my ability to comprehend but I expect that it will be revealed to my understanding at another time.

pre-incarnate Jesus

The Man Jesus Christ existed in eternity before his manifestation as the Son. Because Christ was preexistent some may conclude that we all preexisted. The question is appealing in some ways, curious and interesting at least. It is argued as a reality by those who have received spurious, demonically inspired revelation. But let it be said by a person who once thoroughly believed in reincarnation, that I have set that belief aside in favor of the Bible's teaching. It is appointed unto man to die once, and after that the judgment.(Hebrews 9:27).

Reincarnation or Resurrection?

The doctrine of resurrection is affirmed in the Bible. Resurrection excludes the possibility of reincarnation. One life is promised, one body and eternal judgment for that one life at some time in eternity. The resurrection of Jesus' own physical body from the dead, will be replicated for every living human soul, both the good and the bad, righteous and unrighteous. Jesus was called, the first fruits of they that sleep (1Corinthians 15:20.)

The doctrine of the resurrection is given so much attention in the New Testament especially in the epistles that I could quote texts by the dozens, but at this reading it would be beyond the scope of this writing. Yes, it is unreasonable to the rational mind, to assert that a body which is dead or has even returned to dust can be brought forth alive out of the dust. But that is in fact the teaching of scripture from the prophet Daniel to Jesus, and restated by the apostle Paul in particular.

The returning Messiah Jesus, will be presented as he was already presented to the disciples in Gospel accounts, alive in the flesh, bearing the same nail scars and the same spear wound in the side. As he left in a physical body ascended into glory, he will also return in a physical body. As he departed from the Mount of Olives he will also return in glory to that same spot to begin his reign.

No Resurrection, No Gospel

The doctrine of the resurrection is the proof and the cornerstone of the Gospel. Jesus had to rise again, having defeated death, alive with the keys to hell and the grave. The gospel which the apostle Paul presented stated this, If Jesus Christ is not risen from the grave, then all of our preaching, is for nothing and our faith is for nothing; furthermore our futures would hold only misery. (1 Corinthians 15:17-19 paraphrased)

We could not have a supernatural Gospel without a supernatural Christ. We could not derive supernatural spiritual benefits from believing in a Gospel presented by a mere man, even if he was a great man! If this were the gospel we followed, the best we could do

would be to try to live an honest and moral life with the limited powers of our own willpower, but we could not have received total acceptance by God without Jesus Christ's sacrifice. Because he was the Lamb of God.

Who is Jesus Christ? The Lamb of God

A sacrifice is made, The price is paid.

I believe that certain Christian religious traditions have shorted us on any one thing. This is the knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ's sacrifice as the Lamb of God and the legacy of blessing that His sacrifice brings to change the life and circumstances of every soul on earth. This is the ante-type which is depicted in detail by the Passover of the Israelites from Egypt but even centuries earlier in the story of Abraham and Isaac at Mount Moriah. (Genesis 22)

The sacrificial death of Jesus, God's only begotten, is the principle reason that Jesus came. It is the cornerstone of the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. *This Gospel message of good news is not one option among many for possible consideration.* The gospel of the Lamb is established in the very heavens where the Book of John's revelation depicts with great emphasis how the lamb is the focal point of the heavenly realm. Every person on the earth will be held to account for it. For, the earth is the Lord and everything that is in it. (Exodus 9:29 Psalm 24:1)

The sacrifice of the lamb of God is a better sacrifice than any of the First Covenant, in which bulls and goats were killed and the blood of those offerings was applied to cover (but not remove) the sin of the nation. These offerings could not touch the innate sin nature of the people themselves, but were only a temporary fix, a covering over for the sin of the people. The Book of Hebrews goes into detail about the new covenant and the nature of the sacrifice which Jesus made on our behalf. If we compare the first and second covenant and the provisions of the new which transcend the original. In the Old Covenant, The lamb of God was prefigured in the sacrifice which Abraham was prepared to make of his own son, Isaac Here on Mount Moriah, where the crucifixion was to occur 2000 years later, Abraham uttered the prophetic words recorded in Scripture in Genesis, "God Himself will prepare us a lamb."

Isaac was the son of God's promise. Abraham took his only begotten, Isaac, to the mountain and as he prepared to put him to the knife, said to his son, God himself will provide the lamb. (Genesis 22:8). ----

The lamb of God was described prophetically in the Book of Isaiah, chapters 52 and 53. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before the shearer is silent, he did not open his mouth. (Isaiah 53:3-9). ---- The description of the purification of the priests who prepared to bring offerings into the Holy of Holies is a depiction of Jesus Himself. It was His blood that would purify and sanctify the mercy seat It was blood that was sprinkled seven times upon heaven's altar.

Jesus' Blood: Shed for all humanity

-- Was shed, when He sweat drops blood in the Garden of Gethsemane, gripped with the

terror of separation from his Father, who turn from him, abandoning to death; and the prospect of being made a Curse separated from God by the sins of the world.

- - Was shed, when the servant of the high priest smote him upon the face.

- - Was shed, when the Roman soldiers ridiculed him, mocked him, stripped him, buffeted him and torn out His beard.

- - Was shed, When he was flogged with the Roman flagellum, the deadly scourging with the lash, Each of the nine strands were tipped with an object which cut or wounded.

- - Was shed, when the crown of thorns was plaited upon Jesus' head.

- - Was shed, when Jesus hands and feet were penetrated by the spikes which would hold him suspended above the earth upon a Roman cross (the curse of hanging on a tree.)

- - Was shed, when the Roman officer pierced his side with a spear and blood and water flowed out upon the ground.

Blood Purchased the Provisions of the Gospel

Discussing the blood of the lamb may strike you as something primitive, strange or disgusting but it is the fact that it is the living blood which makes a sacrifice spiritually effectual. From the writings of Moses we learn that the **Life** is in the blood. Blood is the life of the soul and holds potential for both blessing and for defilement. Innocent blood is said to cry out from the earth. The blood of victims of war and of violence cry out with a certain voice from the earth.

Jesus' blood was blood untainted by sin or the curse or death. It is 100 per cent imbued with the power of life. This blood had within it perfect eternal life; it still has, in the present, perfect eternal life. That blood that sprinkled the earth from the Mount of Olives, to Pilate's hall of judgment, to the Via Dolorosa, to the hill called Golgotha, is still nurturing the whole earth. As Jesus was dying the death of crucifixion upon a cross, he declared the sentence which his blood would continue to enforce, Father forgive them, they do not know what they do. Jesus blood purchased the price for our sins, sins past, sins present, and sins future. "Father forgive them- - " Among the last words spoken by Jesus upon the cross is the legacy which any person whose soul is in want can appropriate as his or her own personal blessing and legacy, eternal life.

Who is Jesus?(Aside from being the Son of God) A Really Nice Guy

It is written in the law of Moses that we should make no graven image. Among all of the ten commandments this one may not lend itself readily to application although the first references seem to figure in the question of idolatry. I think, however, it has much more to apply to our present knowledge or lack of knowledge about God. One of the characteristics of human nature is to draw inferences and conclusions based upon things we see with the natural eye.

Throughout the nearly two thousand years of Christian tradition we become the victims of iconography, Icons which in some manner or another depict God or the Son of God. Any of us who have ever been to a major museum have seen depictions of Jesus Christ created during different historical eras. The characteristics of portrayal is to make a presumptuous statement about the personality, the humanity or the divinity of the subject that is being portrayed. Iconography has colored our interpretation of who Jesus is. Some of these images are very static with a very narrow portrayal. A sense of Jesus Christ's humanity was not apparent for centuries. When he was depicted by the first Christian artists there was

not a trace of life or humanity. For the period from the 4th century until the 14th, he was no more than an stylized icon, lacking any features which would make him like us. Later, after the fifteenth century, he was portrayed as very human in works by Rembrandt, or Caravaggio, Rubens, and others. The point that I am making is in respect to narrowness and misunderstanding of who Jesus was. Religious traditions sometimes portray Jesus in such a narrow light that we can not associate him in all of his attributes, human and divine.

The human quality of Jesus, a perfect man living among us, needs to be preserved. I think the phrase "Jesus was a nice guy," may strike a negative chord among some who are religious and formalize so much of Christian life into liturgy. But I say it for a reason. We need to demystify Jesus and make Jesus accessible to people, especially in the now of the Gospel rather than the then of religion. The Lord is not someone who placed himself out of the reach of humanity.

To think of Jesus as a friendly, loving and kindly person does not interfere with his divinity nor his sovereignty. There are other aspects to Jesus too, as depicted by the the Hebrew names of Jehovah: Nissi, Tsidkenu, Rapha, Shama, Jireh, Sabaoth, and numerous others, as well as: the 'Righteous Judge', the 'Captain of the Army of God', or as the 'Ancient of Days', and many other powerful and illuminating titles. One day, we will all fall before Christ, the Righteous Judge. But for now Jesus is still bringing gentle compassion, forgiveness, restoration and blessing to those of us with a need. He is extending a hand of friendship to those who need a friend.

Jesus' friendly and compassionate personality is described as a **friend to sinners**, one who went out of his way to meet and have fellowship with those that the religious community had excluded (Matthew 9:10-13.) Jesus was known to have been in the middle of fun and frolic where there was feasting and drinking. He said of himself, that he was accused of being a glutton and a wine-bibber, but in spite of this Jesus, declared that wisdom is known by her offspring. (Matthew 11:19 paraphrase).

Notable Encounters That Jesus Had With Individual Men & Women

Stories are numerous where men or women who were considered 'the wrong sort,' received mercy from the Lord's hand of compassion and acceptance: Zaccheus the publican; (described in Luke 19:2-10)

The Samaritan woman at the well of Sychar; (John 4:5-30).

The woman taken in adultery; (John 8:4-11).

Mary, a former prostitute anointed Jesus feet at the house of Simon the leper; (Luke 7:37-47).

Jesus who came to the grave side of Lazarus and wept; (John 11).

Jesus who consoled the man healed of blindness after the church council expelled him; (John 9).

At a certain future day when Jesus will be the host at a great feast and serve all of those attending.

(Luke 12:37).

The friendship factor as it pertains to the person of Jesus is something that must not be lost. There is a proverb that states, There is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. (Proverbs 18:24) This is the love and friendship of Jesus Christ. There are so many hurting, there are man who are bruised, and there are man needing a friend. The love and power of the Spirit of Christ Jesus can supply this. It is a kind of supernatural miracle that someone who needs and asks believing can receive.

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM ADDITIONAL FEATURES

Jesus' Message was the Gospel of the Kingdom

Too often, religious tradition has taken away the spiritual nature and power and potential of our relationship with Jesus Christ and replaced it with human- centered ideas and institutional church behaviors.

The foundational Gospel is the message of God's plan for restoring the earth and reconciling its people under His own ruler ship; to gather them unto himself. (Exodus 19) It is a prophetic plan and timetable for God's ruler ship. (Matthew 4:23) "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."

The Gospel addresses the restoration and redemption of the race of mankind, delivering the people from the control of Lucifer. It was Satan, Lucifer, who once had the dominion of worldly ruler ship. Jesus regained authority over principalities and powers and made a triumph (a victorious parade) before every spiritual power entity, (angels and demons) and displayed that He, Jesus, the son of man had received kingship, all ruling authority, in the World. "The Son of God came to destroy the works of the Devil."(1John 3:8)

Jesus came Against Satan's Kingdom With Messianic Power

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people." (Matthew 9:35) "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. "(Mat 11:5) "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:"(2 Tim 1:10) "Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:" (2 Tim 2:8)

Destroying Bondages and Removing the Curse

The curse of the law fell to Adam and was/is evident in all sickness and evil that is manifest in the world. Satan is reluctant to surrender control and authority and must be driven out by the conquering king. Those who have been born of God are given authority in His Name.

Just how long will Satan's "lease" be allowed to stand? There are differences of opinion on this. The answer is hidden in the "mystery of iniquity". Most agree that the "end times" are here and now. The Mount of Olive discourses that Jesus outlined the end-time events are recorded in Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13. They describe the end of the age and the final defeat of the Evil One in an all-out conflict in the end.

The day of the Lord is the prophetic reference to the time of the Judgment of God against those who resist his Gospel and live in rebellion to Him.

Judging the True Gospel

The Gospel of the Kingdom is a Gospel of power, peace and righteousness: The Gospel I believe, has three important elements, all of which touch or are founded upon the ruler ship and authority of the King and Heir of all things, Jesus Christ.

The King Who is this King of Glory? This one man, Jesus of Nazareth, has been ordained to be the Head of the Kingdom of God? It is He who has been given all authority within the Kingdom. It is He who was appointed by

God the Father, approved by Him in the resurrection of His body from the dead.

Redemption, Being freed from the Consequences of Our Old Nature. Redemption goes much further than belief and ideology. Fallen man had to be changed supernaturally from the inside out. A Provision had to be made to deal with the sinful nature residing within every person in a fallen race. God's plan to is to make something new out of that man, a new creation, recreated by the Spirit of God. This new right-standing status is not achieved by philosophy, theology or religious ritual or belief but through the power of a New Life.

The issue of righteousness outside of the law hangs upon this "New Creation". He who was without sin was made sin for us, so that we could become the righteousness of God. The teaching of the "power of the cross" and the "exchange at the cross" are the hinge upon which the miracle of the new birth and righteousness articulates. The Extension of Jesus Ministry

The Hidden Gospel The long hidden Gospel of the Kingdom has to do with the EXTENSION OF JESUS MINISTRY upon the earth by Christ acting through every believer. We become as Kings and Priests in the earth, with Jesus in us and working through us to minister the supernatural work God. Through the enablement of the Holy Spirit who was given to each disciple for the sole purpose of doing these works. It is this third aspect which has been missing in the revelation of Christianity for hundreds of years and is only now coming to light, although there is great resistance to the message by the spirits of darkness. The very wonderful truth of "Christ In Us, our hope of Glory" expresses a new life, a new character, and new spiritual potential. We become not church members in the manner of the worldly tradition but partakers of Jesus character and of his ministry (gr. diakonia).

Commissioning Disciples The gospel of the Kingdom is expressed in relationships more than in knowledge. Jesus chose men and women to grow close to and to share in the witness of His glory. It was they who witnessed all of the miracles and wonders of His word and deed. Yet amazingly, it was not enough for his living disciples to witness His words and His works for 3 years, the Gospel required more than that. They needed an empowerment from God; the same power that was in Jesus had to re-energize each man and woman .

The Enabling "Anointing" Spiritual Ministry:

Healing, Preaching and Deliverance "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised," (Luke 4:18) "Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached." (Luke 7:22) "And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where." (Luke 9:6) Darkness continues to withstand the full gospel message from being taught. The "leaven of the Pharisees" is still an active agent of resistance to the Gospel of the Kingdom. It is this religious spirit that brings a believer into the bondage of unbelief and the traditions of man. The Gospel says that we are transformed into a new life of provision and authority and supernatural ministry but tradition says otherwise; The gospel says we are as He was in this world, tradition says otherwise; The gospel says we are Kings and Priests and the anointing teaches all things, tradition says otherwise; The gospel says he ascended and gave gifts to man and that every man has received these gifts in order to minister, tradition says otherwise; The gospel says there is but one mediator between God and man and we do not go to man to meet God, tradition will direct otherwise. The gospel says not by man, not by man's own will, or by any worldly means, tradition says otherwise.

The Gospel of the Kingdom is Manifested Power "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*" (Romans 1:16) "*Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.*" (Romans 15:19)"

Good News: Hope and Blessing

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Now for any who will seek it, there is the same Spirit of revelation, "the Spirit of Wisdom and Truth". The Holy Spirit will communicate all the things which are of Christ and show them to us in prayer, reading of the word and in meditation.

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(Galatians 1:11) "And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain." (Galatians 2:2)

The Gospel is the Good News of Salvation

Salvation is not limited strictly to promised heavenly rewards, having been made free of the fierce judgment of God's wrath upon sinners. Salvation encompasses total restoration, (salvation, healing and deliverance.) "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) A Prayer of Faith, The Prayer Which Brings Salvation

If any person believes the Gospel in their heart and declare this aloud to witnesses, that person shall be saved; changed and made alive in Christ! The testimony of the believer which brings salvation is a prayer of Faith, which is a spoken proclamation declaring a promise from the Word of God. It should include some of the following understandings. "Who is Jesus? What did he do for ME? What will He do in ME because I believe?" These are elements of the Gospel you should know after reading these chapters. Grafted into the Vine of God's Elect

The gospel of Jesus Christ extends God's grace and provision outside of circle of the people of God's original covenant. Beyond the fellowship of the Elect of Israel -- outside of the boundary of the Abrahamic line.

"That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:" (Ephesians 3:6) "For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;" (Colossians 1:5)

When the Gospel is Preached in its Fullness

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Yes, God can and will manifest His power to bless in order to demonstrate His power! "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake." (1 Thessalonians 1:5) The Gospel Age is the Season of the Lord's Favor

The church age has been called the age of Grace, the year of the Lord's favor, or the acceptable year of the Lord. (Read Isaiah Chapter 61, the portions the Jesus quoted in Luke Chapter 4.)

In a future time, which may be nearly upon us, the night will come when no man can work. The time will come for judgment and purifying the earth. This promised, prophetic time will see "the thorough purging of the threshing floor with fire. (a figurative picture of Jesus spoken by John the Baptist, (Matthew chapter 3:12 and Luke Chapter 3:17.)

The day of the free access to Christ's forgiveness of sins is a window of opportunity which will not be extended indefinitely and in terms of us as individuals we do not know what tomorrow will bring. We may have no tomorrow, as the evangelist Billy Graham has expressed so strongly in all of his appeals.

It is a certainty that there is coming a time of wrath and judgment upon those who have not believed or received the word of Gospel. "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:" (2 Thessalonians 1:8) "Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into." (1 Peter 1:12) The Gospel Begins in Simplicity

The Gospel begins simply in its scope as a simple seed of promise, but deepens and grows as the mustard seed of the parable into a great size; into greater and greater revelation and spiritual wisdom of Christ.

"But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.

And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." (1 Pet 1:25) "Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ -" (Romans 16:25)

As long as any disciple lives and grows in the knowledge of Christ he or she will never exhaust the fullness of its splendor, or the greatness of its wisdom. We are as the apostle says, looking in a foggy or cloudy mirror. But some day that mirror will be clear.

The Message of Jesus' teaching and preaching was: The "Gospel of the Kingdom"

The Kingdom can be viewed in two views: The present manifested kingdom that we refer to as the 'Kingdom of Heaven' and the second which addresses the restored earth under the rule of righteousness in the 'Kingdom Age.' The covenant people Israel had in mind the promised kingdom where God's Messiah was to govern and rule the world. They did not have a clear understanding of how the nations, the gentiles, would figure in this covenant. That remained in the realm of the mysteries of God only to be revealed after the death and resurrection of the Messiah of Israel. The two aspects of the Kingdom continue to be confused by most every nominal Christian and certainly those who still embrace religious Judaism.

The Lord's Prayer is a constant reminder of the Kingdom which, while still promised in a future natural manifestation, has a very real present reality in the here and now, the kingdom asks for the life of God within us both individually and corporately be revealed. Too often, religious tradition obscures the spiritual; the power and the potential to be found in Jesus Christ. Religion replaces Spiritual life with human-centered ideas and institutionalized church behaviors. The foundational Gospel is the message of God's plan for restoring the earth and reconciling its people under divine ruler ship; to gather humanity unto himself. (Exodus 19) It is both a prophetic plan and timetable for God's ruler ship. "*And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.*" (Matthew 4:23)

The Gospel of the Kingdom addresses the restoration and redemption of the human race, delivering its people from the control of the Devil. It was Satan (Lucifer) who in times past held the reigns of dominion in terms of worldly ruler ship. Jesus regained spiritual authority over all principalities and powers and made a triumph (at the time of the

resurrection, Jesus led a victorious parade in which the vanquished king and all of his princes are paraded in chains) before all hierarchies of spiritual power including angels and demons. In this spiritual display it was made known that He, Jesus, the son of man, had received kingship and all ruling authority. "The Son of God came to destroy the works of the Devil." (1John 3:8)

Jesus came Against Satan's Kingdom With Messianic Authority

After being baptized by John, Jesus, In the messiah's earthly ministry, carried the Spirit of God in full measure and exercised the power the was inherent in his being God the Son. "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people." (Matthew 9:35) "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them." (Matthew 11:5) "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel:"(2 Timothy 1:10) "Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my Gospel:" (2 Timothy 2:8)

Destroying Bondages - Removing the Curse

The curse of the law and the curse of Adam was/is evident in all of the sickness and the evil that is manifest in the world. Satan is reluctant to surrender control and authority and must be driven out in the name of the Victorious King. Those who have been born of God are given authority in His Name. In the present situation, Satan knows that he no longer has the authority to rule in this world, but he, being a cheat and a liar, will not tell us that he is disqualified.

Therefore until we are informed about his unlawful trespasses and violations and begin to exercise the authority that God has given us over him, he will continue to rule by deception and fraud. God wants us to read him his rights. The fact is he no longer has any rights and he must remove himself from God's property.

Just how long will Satan's fraudulent "lease" be allowed to stand? There are differences of opinion on this. The answer is hidden in the "mystery of iniquity". I believe this mystery of iniquity is part of the agreement that God has made with Satan to allow him an opportunity to test, sift, and to attempt to deceive the saints. At the culmination of this time of the mystery of iniquity, Satan will even be allowed to set up a bogus kingdom with a false messiah. At the end of this age, Satan will present the world with false messiah. Those in the world who are not redeemed will accept him and worship as God. Most agree that the 'end-times' are very near to the present time.

In the Mount of Olive discourses, Jesus outlined end-time events. These prophetic revelations are recorded in Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13. This series of revelations answer particular questions relevant to the end of the age and the final defeat of the Evil One in an all-out conflict in the end.

The day of the Lord is the prophetic reference to the time of the Judgment of God against

those who resist his Gospel and live in rebellion to Him.

Judging the True Gospel

The Gospel of the Kingdom is a Gospel of righteousness, power, peace and finally judgment: The Gospel I believe, has three important elements, all of the central elements touch and are founded upon the ruler ship and authority of the King and Heir of all things, Jesus Christ.

The King: Who is this King of Glory? This one man, Jesus of Nazareth, is ordained to be the "king" of the Kingdom of God? It is He who has been given all authority within the Kingdom. God the Father appointed him heir of all things and approved by Him in the resurrection of his body from the dead.

Redemption:

Freed from the Consequences of Our Old Nature

Redemption goes much further than belief and ideology. Fallen man had to be changed supernaturally from the inside out. A provision had to be made to deal with the sinful nature residing within every person in a fallen race. God's plan to is to make something new out of that man, a new creation, recreated by the Spirit of God. This new right-standing status is not achieved by philosophy, theology or religious ritual or belief but through the power of a new life.

The issue of righteousness outside of the law hangs upon this "New Creation". He who was without sin was made sin for us, so that we could become the righteousness of God. The teaching of the "power of the cross" and the "exchange at the cross" is the hinge upon which the miracle of the new birth and righteousness articulates.

The Hidden Gospel: Not only **Redemption, but the **Extension of Jesus Ministry****

A long hidden feature of the Gospel of the Kingdom has to do with the "extension of Jesus Christ's ministry" upon the earth. In this provision of the Gospel, Christ becomes an active power within each believer and is enabled to act through every believer. We become as Kings and Priests in the earth. Jesus becomes resident in us in order to work through us to minister the supernatural work God. Through the enablement of the Holy Spirit who was given to each disciple for the sole purpose of doing these works.

It is this revelation of the Christian Gospel which has been missing for hundreds of years but is now slowly coming to light. There is great resistance to the message which activates God's children to their full potential, Godly calling, and maturity. The enemy of our souls desperately works to keep God's children in darkness. Many church "pillars" set forth arguments sighting ample Scriptural documentation which has the net effect of resisting the liberty of the Spirit. These arguments when spoken or preached, work a spiritual uneasiness inside of the servant of God who seeks to follow the right pathway. A nagging sense of condemnation is experienced by those seeking wholeness and liberty. Men and women who bring this message find themselves as targets of criticism or ostracism, they are viewed as agents of evil or as purveyors of radical, unbiblical doctrine.

Nevertheless, the wonderful, wonderful truth of "Christ In Us, our hope of Glory" expresses a new life, a new character, and new spiritual potential. We become so much more than mere church members in the manner of the religious tradition but partakers of Jesus character and of his ministry (Gr. diakonia).

Commissioning Disciples The Gospel of the Kingdom is expressed in relationships more than in an informational components, or knowledge. Jesus chose men and women to grow close to and to share or "bear witness" to his glory. It was they who witnessed all of the miracles and wonders in his words and deeds. Yet amazingly, it was not enough for his living disciples to witness his words and his works for 3 years, the Gospel required more than that. They needed an empowerment from God; the same power that was in Jesus had to re-energize each man and woman. The Enabling "Anointing" Spiritual Ministry: Healing, Preaching and Deliverance *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised," (Luke 4:18)*

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