

What is the Gospel

What is the Gospel? The gospel is the good news of God's salvation for His elect who escape eternal damnation throughout the fulness of times. The New Testament Strong's concordance defines the Greek word 'gospel' by the numbers, 2098, and, 2097:

2098: a good message.
2097: to announce good news;
to bring glad tidings

The Hebrew and Greek Concordance defines each biblical word by comparing the context of each Hebrew and Greek word which are the same throughout the bible. There are 98 verses in the bible that contain the word <gospel 2098>. The first of these to be compared is in, Matthew 4:23:

Matthew 4:23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel <2098> of the kingdom,

In, Matthew 4:23, we don't get a complete definition of the gospel, but that Jesus is preaching the kingdom. So we've learned Jesus preached the kingdom! Why is this important? The following verse's with the word 'gospel' can begin to show marvelous information about this kingdom:

Matthew 11:5 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 <2098>.

As the word, 'gospel', in, Matthew 4:23, is compared with the word, 'gospel', in, Matthew 11:5, more information about what the gospel is can be learned. It should be noted, Matthew 11:5, as it stands by itself, can appear to be speaking of our earthly tabernacle! That our *flesh* receives sight, is no longer lame, has no more leprosy, and is raised up, [*on the sin cursed earth*], though it had died! This raises the question: "is the gospel about the salvation of our flesh while we remain on this earth?" The problem with that is, God would be a miserable failure if that were the case; because all die and are buried in the grave. As well, countless professing Christians catch diseases which they die from!

In, Mark 1:15, the same Greek word, ‘gospel 2098’, is used to indicate, how, when the time is fulfilled, God’s people are to repent and believe the gospel <2098>.

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel <2098>.

The word fulfilled, (Strong’s 4137), means to accomplish or complete something. So the time God is referring to has been accomplished and completed when God’s elect shall repent and believe the gospel. That’s significant because it reveals the utter majesty and sovereignty of Holy God who is without beginning of days, nor end of life (Hebrews 7:3)! We compare the phrase, “the time is fulfilled”, in, Mark 1:15, with, the phrase, “it might be fulfilled”, in, Matthew 1:22-23, as God speaks of His Son:

God with us

Matthew 1:22-23 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled <4137> [accomplished/ completed], which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

It was Jesus, who was with the Father before the world began, (John 17:5), who, as the embodiment of the God Head, (Colossians 2:9), humbled Himself by descending in the likeness of sinful flesh, (Romans 8:3-4), on behalf of those the Father had given Him, from before the foundation of the world, (Ephesians 1:4; Titus 1:2). It is God in Christ being born of a virgin, in the likeness of sinful flesh, that manifests the Hope of the elects salvation to be completed in the fulness of times (Ephesian’s 1:10-14).

John 17:24 ¶ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

In, John 7:8, we saw the phrase, “my time is not yet full come”, which parallels the meaning of the phrases, “the fulness of times”, and, “the time is fulfilled”, manifesting the gospel time line in its entirety with respect to the eternal salvation of all of God’s elect (Ephesians 1:10).

That is, the instant, [*in the fulness of times*], an elect is born from above, is of the time God allotted, [*ordained before the world began from Alpha to Omega*], that His elect would come into the kingdom of God. For each and every elect, throughout the fulness of times, it is an eternal appointment completed and finished – “following the cross”:

*John 7:8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is **not yet full come** <Strong’s 4137>.*

It is only after Christ’s eternal spiritual work on the cross that the fulness of times, and the time being fulfilled, [*for every elect*], was fully accomplished and completed as had been promised:

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

**Another Jesus
another spirit
another Gospel:**

According to the scriptures, (1 Corinthians 15:3-4), the Gospel is God centered news. The center and the core of the Gospel is what God has done NOT what man has done! And because of sin, herein lies an eternal difference between the two gospels that must exist throughout the fulness of times; beginning with Cain who killed his brother Abel:

2 Corinthians 11:3-4 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Today's Apostate Christian and the Remnant of God

If anything we do individually would make us the center of the gospel it will 'not' reveal a fellowship that is of the true gospel, but perhaps an experience of a group that is about bettering themselves according to the spirit of the world disguised through the deceptive and disobedient handling of the word of God. If our fellowship would be of the true gospel, in every way God will be the center of it, not us! The gospel cannot begin with us coming to God! That's blasphemy. Just as we did not come of ourselves to our birth in the womb, neither do we come to our rebirth when born from above; for in both births is the work of the Holy Spirit. Our being born of the water and the Spirit, must begin with God who alone has chosen to come for us through the preordained work of His Son Jesus Christ! And herein lies the difference between today's apostate Christian's good works gospel, and the remnant of God's grace, according to the scriptures.

Matthew 7:13-19 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. 15 ¶ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Does God show to gather those who remain of the spirit of the world as His born again? Not according to the scriptures:

Matthew 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Every professing Christian who's words and works manifests the Spirit of Christ first and foremost brings forth good fruit. They cannot bring forth evil fruit for they have been born from above. But those who bring forth another Jesus, another spirit, and another gospel, (2 Corinthians 11:4), according to their works, (Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-10), are those who bring forth evil fruit, who are hewn down and cast into the fire of hell.