



L.E.A.D. TRAINING

What Is The Gospel Of The Kingdom

NOTE TO LEADER

- The purpose of this week's lesson is to make sure everyone in the household understands the foundation of our faith: the Gospel. Understanding what the Bible says about this topic will also assist the student in being better prepared to witness to those who are not of the faith. This study is the cheat sheet for leading someone to Christ. Having a burden for the lost is a staple part of what it means to be a follower of Messiah.

QUESTION:

- What does the word "gospel" mean literally??

ANSWER:

- The word gospel literally means "good news" and is found 93 times in the Bible, all in the New Testament. The Greek word is "euaggelion", which is where we get our English words evangelist, evangel, and evangelical from.



But what was the "Good News?"

To know that we must start off with the bad news.

THE FIRST BAD NEWS

- Yahweh walked in the garden with Adam and there was no separation between them.
- When man sinned, it *created* separation.

READ:

- Genesis 3:6-10
- Isaiah 59:2
- Romans 3:23
- Isaiah 64:6

What is sin? 1 John 3:4 — “sin is the transgression of the law.”

So man **USED** to walk with God and there was no separation. There was perfect intimacy and relationship between us. Then man broke God’s law and that uncleanness created a separation between the realms. Satan found a way to create an atmosphere that would prevent man from being able to have communion with God and in his own mind, a way to prevent Yahweh from walking with His creation. He knew that YHWH could not exist in the presence of sin because that sin would affect the entire planet, forcing the Spirit of God to be quenched. What Satan didn’t calculate was that YHWH saw all of this ahead of time and allowed it to happen for the greater plan that would unfold over time.

So, this is the **FIRST** bad news that needed to be solved. With the earth being filled with sin, creating a seemingly permanent separation between God and His creation, how would He get back to earth the way He was before to reestablish connection? A **clean place** would have to be made for Him to create this reconnection.

THE SECOND BAD NEWS

- The House of Israel was divorced and sent away into captivity in 722 BC
- According to Deuteronomy 24:1-4 she cannot go back to the original Husband (YHWH) because she is now defiled. Not only was the whole world separated from God because of sin, but the entire northern kingdom of Israel now had no way of coming back into covenant, even with the sacrificial system, because they, too, were put away. This created a problem that even the angels didn’t know how He was going to solve, including the adversary, Satan. The thought of YHWH coming to earth in the form of a human – just didn’t occur to them. YHWH, in His perfection, could not be among sinners, and neither the angels nor man ever expected Him to show up as a man!



BUT...YHWH says He is going to allow Israel to come back.

Hosea 2:16

“And it shall be, in that day,” Says the LORD, “That you will call Me ‘My Husband,’ And no longer call Me ‘My Master,’

Hosea 2:23

Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, And I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I will say to those who were not My people, ‘You are My people!’ And they shall say, ‘You are my God!’ ” And they shall say, ‘You are my God!’”

How is He going to do this without breaking His own law? As long as the original husband lives, she will always be adulterous. But if the *original* husband dies, she is free from the law of adultery and can marry another.

Romans 7:2-3

For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. ³ So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.

So, how did YHWH solve Problem #2?

As the Bridegroom and original Husband, He chose to die to free His Bride from the mistakes of her past. Through His death, He created a way for her, by faith, to believe in that atonement which transferred her sin to Him. By doing so, this made her *clean*. Finally, by raising from the dead, a *new* “bachelor” is presented for the *new clean bride* to choose. **THIS** is the **GOOD NEWS** for *all* the House of Israel that were divorced and were never, according to Torah, *ever* allowed to come back into covenant with their Creator.

This is the reason that so many of the “Gentiles” that Paul was preaching to responded so quickly to the gospel. They actually were not pagan gentiles, but were ‘*out of covenant Israelites*’ who knew they had no way back to God—until Paul gave them the “good news” that the payment had been made and the Messiah had come to bring them home!

1 Peter 1:1

Greeting to the Elect Pilgrims

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,*

The Road to Salvation

John 3:14-18

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have

*eternal life.*¹⁶ **For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**¹⁷ *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*¹⁸ *"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

John 1:1

(Gen. 1:1—2:3)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

QUESTION:

- What was the “**Word**” to a first century Jew?

ANSWER:

- The Torah. *Yeshua was the Torah made flesh.* He was the living, breathing instruction manual that came to earth to show us how to keep His Word.

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:9-10

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

IS IT BY GRACE OR WORKS?

Romans 3:20

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

James 2:18

But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

HOW DO WE PROVE OUR FAITH?

1 John 5:3

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

Romans 8:7

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

TAKE AWAY

One of the hallmarks of our faith is that we **do** what Yeshua **did** and seek to be more like Him. *He had a heart for the lost.* By understanding the *problem* and the *solution*, we can better help those in *their* problems because we will have the solution to *every* problem at hand. After all, we are to be prepared to give an account of everything we believe at any time.

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

Blessings and shalom!

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