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## Proclaim the Gospel

The word Gospel means “good news” in the Greek language from which it is derived. The Good News brought to us by the Scriptures is that Jesus Christ has saved us from our sins and has saved us from our enemies.

We needed saved from our sins so that we may be perfect beings to live forever with God in His Kingdom. We needed saved from our enemies since there are enemies who would attempt to destroy the very Kingdom God has prepared for us. Jesus has done both by His divine payment on the cross for our self destructive imperfections, a payment too great for us to pay on our own.

Joseph the husband of Mary was told by an angel in a dream that she would “*bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.*” (Matthew 1:21)

In Luke we are told that Jesus was born “*That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us.*” (Luke 1:71)

In these two combined truths we have the Gospel and it is “Good News”. This Gospel is the Gospel of The Kingdom because God has prepared a place for His chosen ones to live eternally and it will be in accordance with God's eternal laws.

When Jesus shall return again in His glory to judge the nations of the Earth the preparing of the Kingdom will have been perfected “*Then shall the King say to them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world*” (Matthew 25:31-35) Jesus is so emphatic that this promise shall be kept that He has instructed us, “*And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*” (Matthew 24:14)

The Christian's preaching of the Good News is centered on the Cross of Jesus as that is where He has conquered sin for His Chosen and has transformed us into a state where we are divinely qualified to enter God's Kingdom. “*But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Judeans a stumbling-block and unto the Greeks foolishness*” (I Corinthians 1:23) Those of the world system cannot understand the Gospel. The religious Judeans tried to enter eternity by religious rituals and sacraments counting on these as mystical efforts that make God take note. The philosophical Greeks tried to enter eternity by the “wisdom” of man's rationale of what they determine to be right or wrong. But neither of these can secure God's unmerited favor and free gift to us of the Gospel of the Kingdom – entrance into eternal life of God's Kingdom by one thing only – *Christ crucified*.

Go forth and proclaim the Gospel. Jesus Christ has secured a Kingdom place for His Chosen.