

The Meaning of the Gospel

Introduction

- A. The term "gospel" is popularly called "the good news."
- B. The New Testament word is translated many times as "good tidings."

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things? Romans 10:15

I. The Definition of the Gospel

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.

Which He had premised afore by His prophets in the Holy Scripture. Concerning His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh.

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the Resurrection from the dead. Romans 1:1-4

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. I Corinthians 15:1-4

II. The Benefits of the Gospel

- A. The Gospel Brings the Grace of God.

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24

- B. The Gospel Brings Salvation.

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

- C. The Gospel Brings Stability.

Now to Him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ Romans 16:25

- D. The Gospel Brings the New Birth.

For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. I Corinthians 4:15

E. The Gospel Brings Enlightenment.

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God, should shine unto them. II Corinthians 4:4

F. The Gospel Brings the Truth and the Sealing of the Holy Spirit.

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 1:11

G. The Gospel Brings Peace.

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Ephesians 6:15

H. The Gospel Brings Hope.

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven Colossians 1:23

I. The Gospel Brings Power, the Ministry of the Holy Spirit and Assurance.

For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. I Thessalonians 1:5

J. The Gospel Brings the Call of God.

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth; whereunto He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. II Thessalonians 2:13,14

K. The Gospel Brings Afflictions.

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God. II Timothy 1:8

Conclusion

Question: What must we do to have all these benefits?

Answer: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel.. Mark 1:15

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