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The Kingdom
the Scriptural Gospel - Part B

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"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; **I have not come to abolish them** but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not a jot, not a tittle, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called **least in the Kingdom of heaven**, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called **great in the Kingdom of heaven**." Matthew 5:17-19

"And Yeshua went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming **the gospel of the kingdom** and healing every disease and every affliction among the people." Matthew 4:23

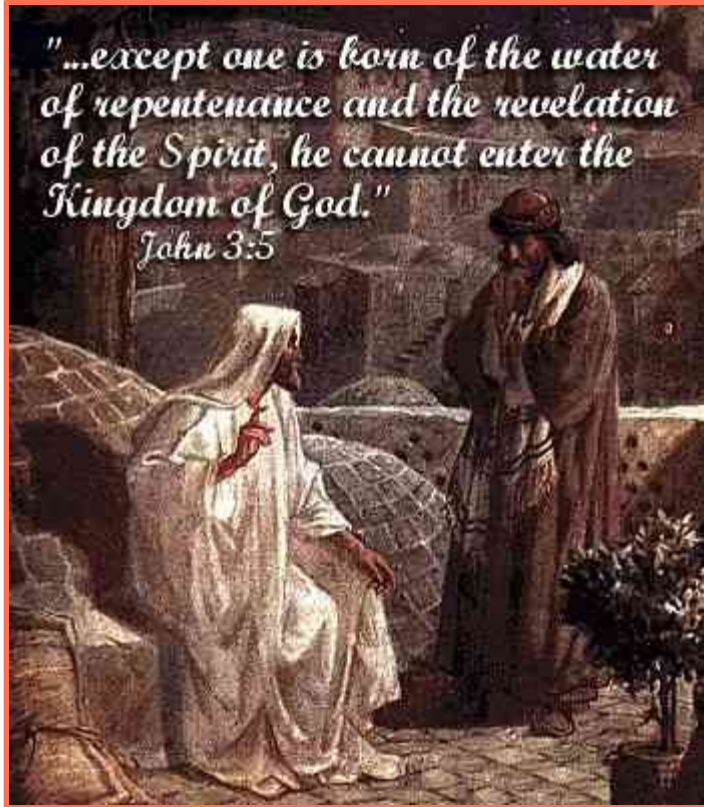


What is the gospel message - scripturally? If words mean things - then what do the words on the pages of the Book reveal to us about the gospel? They say that Yeshua went about proclaiming the **"gospel of the Kingdom"** (**click on highlighted words to view content**). Not one time does scripture ever say that He preached the "gospel of salvation" as Christianity teaches - neither from Yeshua nor from the disciples. So, then, just what is this Kingdom that Yeshua spoke of? This gospel of the Kingdom of YHVH described in scripture is not about personal salvation - in spite of what the traditional, popular Christian mantra has become. One of the traditions of men handed down to us is the concept of what it means to be **Born Again** (seen in the passage from **John 3:3-16**). There is no **Hebrew equivalent** to the English phrase "born again" and is not referenced anywhere in the *Tanakh* (OT). Why is that? It is because the Hebrew people ARE the family of YHVH. In fact, when answering Nicodemus in this passage, Yeshua chastened him for being a Rabbi, a teacher of Israel, and NOT understanding what it means to be born of Spirit - to be the embodiment of the Living Breath of YHVH (Hebrew *nephesh* - **Genesis 2:7, John 20:21-23**). Yeshua likened His death in **John 3:14** to that of the serpent raised on the pole in **Numbers 21:8**. While it is true that one of the definitions of the Greek word *stauros* that is translated into the English word "cross" is "pole" or "stake", it is the Hebrew word translated "pole" in Numbers that really should be the word to consider because it is the word within the passage Yeshua quoted. That Hebrew word is *nes*, meaning **something lifted up, a standard, ensign, banner, sign**. The Greek word *hypsoo*, translated as "lifted up" in John even agrees with the Hebrew in its meaning of *to lift up on high, to exalt*. This Hebrew word for "pole" (*nes*) is also the same word translated as the English "ensign" in **Isaiah 11:10**.

"And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to him shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious." Isaiah 11:10

Notice the distinction between "the people" and the *"goyim"* (Gentiles). The Messiah, coming from the root of Jesse (the father of king David), will be that standard or sign lifted up (i.e., *exalted*) for the redemption of the Family of YHVH, Israel ("the people", see what is **the Inheritance**), but to whom also will the Gentiles (the others) be drawn to - the exact meaning (*hypsoo*) given for "lifted up" found in Yeshua's statement of **John 12:32**. Yeshua said that **JUST AS** Moses lifted up the serpent to become the *conduit* through which healing would occur and they, "the people" would live - **IN THE SAME MANNER** whoever of "the people" beholds (or embraces) that ensign, Yeshua, would find healing and live; the restoration of rest to his being (**Matthew 11:29**). Remember, Yeshua is speaking to Nicodemus - one of "the people". That ensign is the *conduit* through which the Father provided healing (the restoration of the rest found originally in the Garden with Adam, **the first Hebrew**, and lost through

disobedience). To live in the restored Kingdom of YHVH, however, one must first become one of "the people" of the Kingdom - the family of YHVH, Israel (what the Gentiles seek, mentioned earlier in [Isaiah 11:10](#)). When a Gentile or foreigner (someone from outside the family, from another nation) becomes adopted *into* YHVH's Hebrew family of Israel by observance of **the standards** set by the Father, it has always been the case that he is to be treated no differently from those naturally born into the family ([Leviticus 19:34](#)). If Gentiles are grafted *into* the Kingdom of the commonwealth of *Israel*, with Israel as the root of the grafted branches - how can Gentiles expect to live differently from the natural branches of the Kingdom ***apart from the root of that tree*** ([Ephesians 2:11-13](#), [Romans 11:16-18](#))?



What Yeshua was saying to Nicodemus was that Hebrews should **KNOW** the Source of Life because it is through the people of Israel that Breath of Life has been bequeathed ([John 4:22](#)). The traditions the Pharisaical religious leaders embraced and taught to others separated them from the Spirit of that Life, thus necessitating a re-alignment for an Israelite to "return" into the proper orientation and awareness of Who YaHoVeH is in Truth. This was also the **message of John the Immerser**. Yeshua went on to say in this passage that without first becoming a member of this family of the Father's (Israel), which **requires** an embrace of this higher standard of Life set apart from the rest of the world (keeping **the Ten Words**), a person cannot **SEE** the Kingdom of YHVH (v3). One must first embrace YHVH's family, Israel, through the keeping of His Words in order to even **SEE** there is a difference from the world. Only after making that point does He go on to say **then** does the opportunity present itself that through water (repentance) and spirit (revelation through **ruach ha kodesh**, reading right to left is Hebrew for *the holiness of spirit* - something that is **cultivated** within an individual by that individual) for one to **ENTER** the Kingdom of YHVH (v5). It is from this understanding that *Sha'ul*

could make the statement that not everyone who thinks they are of the Family of YHVH actually are, speaking of those who are ethnically born into the family but who have rejected the manner of Life set forth in YHVH's Words ([Romans 2:28-29](#)).

To be born again is not a confession of belief or an ideology - it is a way of life. You say you believe in YHVH? **Scripture says** the demons also believe - and tremble. **Believing** in and of itself, is not what sets those of the Kingdom apart from the rest of the world. Yeshua continued in this same chapter of John 3 to say that the judgment men incur as a result of following those traditions is a **separation** from the Light. They suffer the judgment of separation from Him because Light has come into the world and they refused to bring their **deeds** into the Light of Who He says He is to be examined to see if those **deeds** are wrought in YHVH - or not. These principles of His Kingdom are not "moral guidelines". They are the definition of Light. **YHVH is Light**; therefore, if this is His Kingdom, it is a Kingdom of Light. It is a **universal phenomenon** that Light and darkness cannot exist in the same space at the same time. We have been given the choice to determine our station in eternity - whether we will live in the **Light of righteousness**, of Truth; or whether we will live in the darkness of lies, what our own will and the will of men purpose as the rules for living. The definition of darkness is the **absence** of Light. IF we choose to fashion the deeds of our lives after the righteousness of Life Yeshua exemplified, we know the Father lives in us as Light and we **have Peace**. Altering the words of the code of conduct to fit our purposes, to excuse our behavior, causes movement away from the Kingdom of Light. This is **the judgment**, that Light has come into the world that men love darkness more than they loved to bring their deeds into the Light.

"Whoever *keeps his commandments* abides in YHVH and YHVH in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by His Spirit He has given us." 1 John 3:24

Real Peace, **shalom**, does not settle in our heart until we decide to abandon our deeds of whoremongering and drunkenness that result from giving ourselves to the other gods of the traditions of men and embrace the **Scepter**

of Righteousness found in the Life of Yeshua. It is not until we determine that we are not going to give over to darkness anymore, even if it kills us - that the Power found in His **Virtue** (from the Greek word **dynamis** which means "inherent power") **causes** us to overcome. This is what scripture means to **give no place to the enemy**. If we do not allow darkness in our life - we have access to the Presence of Light, Life and His Peace that passes all understanding. The Ten Words are given to us to define what is the darkness that separates us from residing in the Peace of YHVH's Light (**Isaiah 43:11**). What was the manner of Life Yeshua exemplified that kept Him in the Light? **He** said it was because He kept the Commandments of the Father (**John 15:10**). What Commandments was He speaking of? Each time Yeshua was directly asked "how to obtain eternal life", His response was the same - to keep the Commandments (**Matthew 19:16-22, Luke 10:25-28, also Mark 10:17-21, and Luke 18:18-22**). He even repeated them so that there would be no misunderstanding as to which ones He was referring to.

Our **deeds** determine whether we are walking in the Light of righteousness or in the darkness of the traditions of men. The Commandments were given to an already **redeemed people** as instructions on how to live within YHVH's Kingdom - as the definition of what is Light and what is darkness in order for them to remain in the Presence of that all consuming Light. The only difference between the covenant described in the **Tanakh** (Original Book) and now is that these words, once etched in stone, are now written on our hearts by YHVH's Spirit - **BUT THEY ARE STILL THE SAME WORDS** (**Jeremiah 31:31-33**). What the blood exchange of the **Kinsman Redeemer** did was to pay the price of reclamation to restore what the Father established in the Garden of Eden, being **echad** (Hebrew for "One") in relationship with His Family which had been brought into the bondage of death (separation from the Source of Life) through the disobedience of **the first son**.



The good news of this gospel that **Yeshua preached** is that the Kingdom has now been restored to its rightful heirs and as a result, through the **pure blood** of Yeshua, **the Spirit of YHVH** has been shed abroad for all who adopt the culture of His Kingdom to come and partake of the Goodness of the Holy One of Israel. We, who were once afar off can now come and be adopted into this family, Israel, who is sanctified by the Father of Light; but first, we must become as a child and approach Him without preconceptions about Who He Is, accepting Him for Who **HE SAYS** He is - not who we want Him to be.

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of YHVH for salvation to everyone who believes, **TO THE HEBREW FIRST**, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16*

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