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The Gospel of the Glory of Messiah

The gospel we've received hasn't kept us divided, but has brought us into unity and made us one. This is why Paul said that a curse should come upon anyone (Gal 1:8) who brings another gospel, 2 Cor 4:4.

Gal 1:3,4 — "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father."

What's the key word or phrase in verse 4? ... *rescue us from the present evil age.*

The gospel preached in Christianity doesn't deliver or rescue anyone from the present evil age. Their gospel adds Jesus as a new dimension to their lives. It can't rescue anyone because it doesn't bring them to terminate their lives for Yahshua and the gospel's sake (Mark 8:35).

2 Cor 4:4. "The god of this age (the evil one) has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Messiah, who is the image of God.

The gospel of the glory is the good news of the worth, value, and weight of Yahshua. 2 Cor 4:2-4.

A perverted gospel cannot do anything to rescue anybody from the present evil age. We must speak of the gospel of the glory of Messiah. Telling people of His immeasurable worth, His awesome rescuing of man, and now He's now preparing us to be able to rule in the next age. What does *glory* mean? Worth, weight, heaviness, value, merit, virtue, distinction, greatness. When one has glory, what does it do? It demands the respect of others.

We can do many things which diminish the glory we've received. Like having a bad attitude, being unthankful, unsubmitive. We are to be full of respect. Our Master's glory demands respect.

The more you submit, the greater glory you have, but the less you submit, the less glory you possess.

John 17:22. "I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as we are one." We have all received glory because we are becoming one, that the world may believe. The world can't believe if they see and are presented with a sub-standard, inferior Messiah.

2 Cor 4:5,6. "For we do not preach ourselves, but Yahshua the Messiah as Sovereign, and ourselves as servants for Yahshua's sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made His light shine in our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Messiah."

We know the evil one has blinded the minds of people who don't believe, or are full of unbelief. This results in their not being able to see the glory, worth, greatness of our Messiah YAHSHUA. This is why it's essential, imperative and necessary for us to abide in the Vine, being filled with the power of His Spirit. In order to preach the gospel of the glory of Messiah and not ourselves, our community, we must be seeking the honor of the one who sends us, speaking in His strength. (John 7:18, 1 Pet 4:11)

We won't be able to enter into the next age without the restoration of our soul. Every fallen aspect must be restored, not just forgiven. Not like Christianity's bumper stickers: "I'm not perfect, just forgiven." Through the work of Ruach Ha Kodesh, we're being restored mentally, socially, spiritually. So now we know what to cry out for. Our soul is our mind, will, and emotions. They must be all for Yahshua: This is why we live in community, to be saved in this environment.

2 Cor 3:18. "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Sovereign's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory who is the Spirit."

We're being transformed (to change in structure, appearance, or character) into the same image (a likeness of a person; a person strikingly like another person) as our Master Yahshua. This is taking place in ever-increasing degrees of glory — worth. So we see the work of the Spirit in this age is to transform us, who've received the gospel of the glory of Messiah, in the likeness of the Son of God; totally submissive, humble, patient and gentle (strength under control).

We can now see ourselves, things in our lives, how we are, in order to judge our fallenness. So we can pray for and about our condition. How am I not like Messiah? In what ways am I fallen in the aspects (emotional, social, spiritual) of my personality.

What does the good news bring about? It rescues and restores us to the same stature as man was originally created as — a son of God. There won't be any inferior sons walking around in the next age.

Only because of man's fall do we have the sins of our parents to be dealt with. We reflect what we behold in the mirror. We become like Yahshua as we behold (keep our eyes on) Him.

Many places it talks about us having a king. So we do nothing without the king sending us. Then in the next age, we will be kings, ruling with Him. We're learning to rule now in this age with Him, so we'll be able to in the next (Eph 1:21).

He's coming back to punish those who don't know God, and don't obey the gospel of our Sovereign Yahshua. We can't obey by principle, legalism, or community.

We receive 100 houses for every house given up, in this age; in the next age we'll receive eternal life, instead of eternal death.

If we don't see His glory/worth, who is going to give up anything? We give up everything. Luke 14:33 — "Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple." For people to hold on to things (possessions, bank accounts, relationships) prevents an impartation of the Spirit and grace. People who hold onto things end up leaving, walking away.

John 10:27. "My sheep listen to My voice, I know them, and they follow Me." Sheep follow by letting go of everything, to respond to the Good Shepherd.

Mark 10:29,30. "I tell you the truth," Yahshua said, "if no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for Me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age ... and in the age to come, eternal life."

You can't meet these requirements without having first had the glory of Messiah revealed to you. Faith comes by hearing.

Matt 12:31,32. "And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come."

If you commit an unpardonable sin (Heb 10:26, 1 Jn 5:16), you cannot be forgiven in this age (before Yahshua's return), or in the next age (during Yahshua's reign on earth for 1,000 years). It doesn't mean you won't be forgiven in the eternal age, but you will experience death until then. This present age is in it's waning moments.

Col 1:13. "For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness (the present evil age) and has brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves (the next age and the eternal age).

To the Galatians, a different gospel was being brought (Gal 1:6). That gospel couldn't rescue anybody from the dominion of darkness (the present evil age).

Ephesians 4:1 "As a prisoner for the Sovereign then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

We have to live up to our calling or we might find ourselves having never been called. Our Father and Yahshua need people. They are calling people in this age to be prepared for the next age.

If we believe, then our actions and behavior will change radically. We have been summoned.

*Summon*: to call to a meeting; convoke, to send for, to evoke especially by an act of the will. Even if we preach another gospel than the one we received, which rescued us from the kingdom of darkness, we cannot prevent a curse from coming upon us (Gal 1:8).

Yahshua scolded the Pharisees because many of them tried to pervert the gospel He was preaching. He wasn't harsh, but just in His statements about them.

Billy Graham boasts of millions of conversions to the gospel he preaches, but as they die and don't find themselves entering the pearly gates, but into death to pay for their sin. He has so much to give account for as he and thousands of other so-called evangelists preach a perversion of Messiah — another gospel.

No one can effectively preach the gospel with any deceit. We have to be pure vessels. John 17:17 "Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth." 17:8 says that Yahshua gave His disciples the words His Father gave Him and they (the disciples) accepted (totally believed and relied upon them).

God gives the needed illumination (opening the eyes of peoples heart) if (Jn 17:17) we are worthy servants and no unrighteousness is working in us. Our Father is restoring us so the day will come when people in large numbers will repent. The insincere or not true will be eliminated. We can't be counter-productive or unproductive. We are to bear much fruit. Thirty times as much yield from a seed. Bearing much fruit proves that we're His disciples.

He didn't give us His Spirit to be weak. We certainly tolerate weakness, but we have to be pointed to the Savior who will save and restore us to the way we were created to be.

Keep on asking, seeking in His Name and His faith. It is the only way for healing to come. Let Him know that you know how you are and admit to Him what He already knows about you. "I'm this way! I don't want you to think I can do anything on my own to change or save myself! I can't do it on my own! I NEED YOU!"

Acts 10:39 (?)

He frees us from all things. Are we freed from all things? We are sitting in the heavenly realm positionally, where are we experientially?

No matter where we are, we have a consequential effect on people. For a seed to be planted something has to be heard.

ha-Emeq: We saw a homeless man with a sign that said, "Need food, will work." By his outward appearance, he didn't look needy. He looked strong and capable. When Yoneq stopped to give him a paper, the man came forward and you could then see why he was there with a sign. It was evident that he was socially handicapped. What really reveals a person is their soul. This case we are in (our bodies), like that man, may look good on the outside, but his insides were obviously damaged.

The flesh is unredeemable. It can't be restored. Glory will help us rule over everything that makes us not one, everything that degrades us.

ha-Emeq: I see it as glory is filling something like a balloon. But when we do something that takes away our glory, it's like putting a pin in the balloon and the glory starts to go out real slow, then, finally we are just a shriveled up piece of rubber with no glory. We have to get mad against dissension, coarse joking, etc., it takes away our glory, and say, "I'm not a worm of a person I will stand!"

We're thankful to have the Holy Spirit who helps us to see the things that are hurting and taking away our glory. 1 Sam 1:1-3. The glory of Israel departed because Eli didn't brood over his sons.