

God the Father, and His Son, Jesus the Christ, are running a business on earth. What is their business? Their business is to SAVE THE WORLD! But what does the world need to be saved from?

First, let's define the word "world". The "world" means every human being that has ever existed from Adam and Eve until Christ returns. Secondly, let's define the word "save". To "save" means to rescue from death and to give life. Now we can begin to understand that the phrase "SAVE THE WORLD" means to rescue from death and to give life to every human being who has ever and will ever exist!

With this in mind I'm going to repeat my question: what does the world need to be saved from? Answer: the world needs to be saved from death and everything that contributes to death. Then, and only then, can the world have life and have it more abundantly. No one can save the world except God. This is God's business; this is what God is working towards. You're probably familiar with this scripture I'm about to read, but perhaps you've never thought about it in the context of God running a business on earth. This scripture perfectly states the mission statement of God's business. (Joh 3:16-17) "God loves the world so much that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Yahshuah will not perish but will have everlasting life. God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to SAVE THE WORLD through His Son."

Notice what Jesus the Christ (Yahshuah ha Messiah) said about His own responsibility in the business. (Joh 4:31-34) "Jesus' disciples asked Him if was He going to eat. But He said to them, I have food to eat which you do not know about. Therefore the disciples said to one another, No one brought Him anything to eat? Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who *sent Me* and *to finish His WORK*."

Did Yahshuah finish His work? Yes and no. Yes, Yahshuah has finished His work as God in the flesh because He did live a sinless / righteous life, meaning He kept His Father's commandments perfectly in the letter and spirit of the Law; and He did die to pay the penalty for humanity's sin. No, Yahshuah has not finished His work as God the firstborn from the dead because He has yet restored all things to its original sinless / perfect state. (Act 3:18-21) "But the things which God announced by the mouth of all his prophets, that Messiah should suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, so that there may come times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send Yahshuah ha Messiah, who was ordained for you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God spoke long ago by the mouth of his holy prophets."

RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS

For a deeper understanding of the phrase "restoration of all things", please read (1Co 15:3-4, 20-28) "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received, that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again after the third day and night in the grave according to the Scriptures; ... Christ stands risen from the dead, the first one offered in the harvest of those who have died. Since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also came through a man. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be made alive. However, this will happen to each person in the proper order: first Christ, then those who belong to Christ when He comes. Later the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has done away with every [recalcitrant] ruler and [antagonistic] authority and [perverted] power. For He must rule until God puts all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be done away with is death, for "God has put everything under His feet." Now when Christ says, "Everything has been put under Him," this clearly excludes the Father who put everything under Christ. But when everything has been put under Christ, then the Son Himself will also become subject to the One who put everything under Him, so that God may be all in all."

I'M EMPLOYED BY GOD

Not only is Christ still working in the family business, God the Father and God the Son have also hired other employees into the company. These employees are called "disciples". (Mat 9:35-37) "Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But seeing the crowds, He was moved with compassion on them, because they were tired and scattered like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

Notice in the next verse that God wants to expand his company. God is advertising for job openings. (Mat 9:38) "Therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest that He will send out more LABORERS into His harvest."

Would you like to work for God? You can become a professional Disciple of God. Your official job title would be Christian. As a Christian you would have 3 primary responsibilities --- I call these the "3 P's of our Profession. The 3 P's of our Profession are: Preaching; Preparing; and Providing.

- 1. Preaching the Gospel throughout all the world
- 2. Preparing disciples to be the best they can be
- 3. Providing for people in need

We can find these 3 P's of our Profession mentioned in a verse we already read. (Mat 9:35) "Jesus went about all the cities and villages, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, teaching in their synagogues, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

Whether you are a prospective employee or a new hire or a veteran co-worker, we can all benefit from an in-depth look at the 3 P's of our Profession.

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

The 1st P of our Profession is *Preaching the Gospel*. What is the Gospel? The word Gospel means "Good News". The good news God has shared with His employees, and which He wants us to share with the world, is that God <u>has</u> provided a sacrifice for our sins because of Jesus' death; God <u>is</u> writing His Laws upon the 2 tables of our heart and mind through Jesus living in us; God <u>will</u> give us eternal life in spirit-composed bodies because of Jesus resurrection and return to glory.

In scripture, the Gospel is presented in association with 7 different phrases that give us different perspectives into God's complete message for mankind. I'll list them and then discuss each one in detail.

- 1. Gospel of God
- 2. Gospel of Jesus Christ
- 3. Gospel of the Kingdom
- 4. Gospel of Salvation
- 5. Gospel of Grace
- 6. Gospel of Peace
- 7. Gospel of Blessings

GOSPEL OF GOD

(Rom 1:1-6) "From Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who according to the flesh was a descendant of David, and who according to the spirit of holiness was declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead-Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we received grace and a commission as an apostle to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name. You, too, are among those who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ."

(Rom 15:12-16) "Isaiah says, "There will be a Root from Jesse. He will rise up to rule the gentiles, and the gentiles will hope in him." Now may God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace as you believe, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are filled with goodness and full of all the knowledge you need to be able to instruct each other. However, on some points I have written to you rather boldly, both as a reminder to you and because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the gentiles might be acceptable because it has been sanctified by the Holy Spirit."

GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

(Mar 1:1-11) "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, *the* Son of God: as it is written in the Prophets, "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of *the* Lord, make His paths straight." John came baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And all the land of Judea, and those of Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a leather girdle about his loin. And he ate locusts and wild honey. And he proclaimed, saying, There is One coming after me who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down to loosen. I indeed have baptized you in water, but He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit. And it happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him. And there came a voice from Heaven, *saying*, You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

(Rom 1:16-32) "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because the thing which may be known of God is clearly revealed within them, for God revealed it to them. For the unseen things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being realized by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, for them to be without excuse. Because, knowing God, they did not glorify Him as God, neither were thankful. But they became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds, and fourfooted animals, and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves. For they changed the truth of God into a lie, and they worshiped and served the created thing more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this cause, God gave them up to dishonorable affections. For even their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature. And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust toward one another; males with males working out shamefulness, and receiving in themselves the recompense which was fitting for their error. And even as they did not think fit to have God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do the things not right, being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; being full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, evil habits, becoming whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, insolent, proud, braggarts, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, perfidious, without natural affection, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous order of God, that those practicing such things are worthy of death, not only do them, but have pleasure in those practicing them."

GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

(Mat 4:17-23) "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent! For the kingdom of Heaven [Mark 1:14 says "Kingdom of God"] is at hand. And walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea. For they were fishermen. And He said to them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they immediately left their nets and followed him. And going on from there, he saw another two brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. And He called them; and they immediately left the boat and their father and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people."

(Mat 24:1-14) "And Jesus went out and departed from the temple. And His disciples came to *Him* to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, There shall not be left here one stone on another that shall not be thrown down. And as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what *shall be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said to them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many will come in My name, saying, I am Christ, and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled, for all *these things* must occur; but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in different places. All these *are* the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to be afflicted and will kill you. And you will be hated of all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, and will betray one another, and will hate one another. And many false prophets will rise and deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many will become cold. But he who endures to *the* end, the same shall be kept safe. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be proclaimed in the entire world as a witness to all nations. And then the end shall come."

GOSPEL OF SALVATION

(Eph 1:3-14) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ; according as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having *predestined* us to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, in which He has made us accepted in the One having been loved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace, which He caused to abound toward us in all wisdom and understanding; having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, for an administration of the fullness of times, to head up all things in Christ, both the things in Heaven, and the things on earth, even in Him, in whom also we have been chosen to an inheritance, being *predestinated* according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His own will, for us to be to the praise of His glory, who previously had trusted in Christ; in whom also you, hearing the Word of Truth, the gospel of our salvation, in whom also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the earnest of our inheritance, to the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."

(Rom 8:29-31) "For whom He foreknew, He also *predestinated* to be conformed to the image of His Son, for Him to be the First-born among many brothers. But whom He predestinated, these He also called; and whom He called, those He also justified. And whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

(Heb 10:23-39) "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for He is faithful who promised), and let us consider one another to provoke to love and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He who despised Moses' Law died without mercy on the word of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy of punishment, the *one* who has trampled the Son of God, and who has counted the blood of the covenant with which he was sanctified an unholy thing, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who has said, "Vengeance belongs to Me, I will repay, says the Lord." And again, "The Lord shall judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But call to memory the former days, in which (after you were illuminated) you endured a great fight of afflictions, indeed being exposed both by reproaches and afflictions, and while you became companions of those who lived so. For you both sympathized with my bonds and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that you have in Heaven a better and an enduring substance. Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great recompense of reward. For you have need of patience, so that after you have done the will of God you might receive the promise. For "yet a little while, and He who shall come will come and will not delay." Now, "the Just shall live by faith. But if he draws back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him." But we are not of *those* withdrawing to destruction, but of those who believe to *the* preserving of the soul."

GOSPEL OF GRACE

What is Grace? The Greek word is "charis"; it means unmerited favor, or "the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life."

(Act 20:17-24) "And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them, You know how I was with you at all times, from *the* first day I arrived in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and many tears and temptations happening to me through the plots of the Jews; *and* how I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shown you and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going bound by the Spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit witnesses in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. But none of these things move me, neither do I count my life dear to myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus *Christ*, to testify fully the gospel of the grace of God."

(Eph 2:8-10) "For by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are *His* workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them."

(Gal 1:6-8) "I marvel that you so soon are being moved away from Him who called you into *the* grace of Christ, to another gospel, which is not another, but some are troubling you, and desiring to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from Heaven preach a gospel to you beside what we preached to you, let him be accursed." (Gal 3:1-7) "O foolish Galatians, who bewitched you not to obey the truth, to whom before *your* eyes Jesus Christ was written among you crucified? This only I would learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of *the* law, or by hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in *the* Spirit, do you now perfect *yourself* in the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain, if indeed *it is* even in vain? Then He supplying the Spirit to you and working powerful works in you, *is it* by works of *the* law, or by hearing of faith? Even as Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness. Therefore know that those of faith, these are the sons of Abraham."

(Jam 2:14-26) "What good does it do, my brothers, if someone claims to have faith but does not have any works? This kind of faith cannot save him, can it? Suppose a brother or sister does not have any clothes or daily food and one of you tells them, "Go in peace! Stay warm and eat heartily." If you do not provide for their bodily needs, what good does it do? In the same way, faith by itself, if it does not have any works, is dead. But someone may say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without any works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. That's fine! Even the demons believe that and tremble with fear. Do you want proof, you foolish person, that faith without works is worthless? Our ancestor Abraham was justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar, wasn't he? You see that his faith was active with his works, and by his works faith was made complete. And so the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." And so he was called God's friend. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, Rahab the prostitute was justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them away on a different road, wasn't she? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead."

GOSPEL OF PEACE

There was a "war of DIFFERENCE" between the Jews and Gentiles. God brought in "peace of UNITY" through Jesus.

(Rom 10:1-17) "Brothers, truly my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is for it to be saved. For I bear record to them that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness for everyone who believes. For Moses writes of the righteousness which is of the Law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith says this: "Do not say in your heart, Who shall ascend into Heaven?" that is, to bring Christ down; or "Who shall descend into the deep?"; that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead. But what does it say? "The Word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart"; that is, the Word of Faith which we proclaim; Because if you confess the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Everyone believing on Him shall not be put to shame." For there is no difference both of Jew and of Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call on Him. For everyone, "whoever shall call on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without preaching? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" Consequently, faith comes from listening, and listening comes through the Word of God."

(Eph 2:8-22) "For by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them. Therefore remember that you, the Gentiles, in time past were in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; and that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who were once afar off are made near by the blood of Christ. For **He is our peace**, **He made us both one**, and He has broken down the middle wall of partition between us, having abolished in His flesh the enmity (the Law of commandments contained in ordinances) so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, making peace between them; and so that He might reconcile both to God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity in Himself. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off, and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom every building having been fitly framed together, grows into a holy sanctuary in the Lord; in whom you also are built together for a dwelling place of God through the Spirit."

GOSPEL OF BLESSINGS

- 1) Given forgiveness of sins means no eternal death
- 2) Given the Holy Spirit means we have God's divine nature
- 3) Given eternal life

(Gal 3:8-29) "And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the nations through faith, preached the gospel before to Abraham, saying, "In your seed shall all nations be blessed." So then those of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. For as many as are determined to live according to the works of the Law, these are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the Book of the Law, to do them." But that no one is justified by the Law in the sight of God is clear, for, "The just shall live by faith." But the Law is not of faith; but, "The man who does these things shall live in them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone having been hanged on a tree"); so that the blessing of Abraham might be to all nations through Jesus Christ, and that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Brothers, I speak according to man, a covenant having been ratified, even among mankind, no one sets aside or adds to it. And to Abraham and to his Seed the promises were spoken. It does not say, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, "And to your Seed," which is Christ. And I say this, A covenant having been ratified by God in Christ, the Law (coming into being four hundred and thirty years after) does not annul the promise, so as to abolish it. For if the inheritance is of Law, it is no more of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by way of promise. Why then the Law? It was added because of transgressions, until the Seed should come to those to whom it had been promised, being ordained through angels in the Mediator's hand. But the Mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the Law then against the promises of God? Let it not be said! For if a law had been given which could have given life, indeed righteousness would have been out of Law. But the Scripture shut up all under sin, so that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept under Law, having been shut up to the faith about to be revealed. So that the Law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. Since faith has come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many as were baptized into Christ, you put on Christ. There cannot be Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is no male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise."