The GOSPEL

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GOOD NEWS MUST BE PROCLAIMED

Romans 10 v 9,10,13:if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation..... ¹³ For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

• Important SALVATION scripture. But it is tied to a profound truth.....

Romans 10 v 14: How then shall they <u>call</u> on Him in whom they have not <u>believed</u>? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not <u>heard</u>? And how shall they hear without a <u>preacher</u>? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are <u>sent</u>? As it is written:

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?" ¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- Call (mouth) Believe (heart) hear (ears) preach sent
- Salvation (Faith in Jesus) comes by hearing His word

Evangelism – preaching of the Gospel message:

- Clarity and simplicity (understandable)
- Word of God (Bible, Truth).

The evangelist is sent to deliver a message (offer to salvation): the hearer needs to respond, choose (accept or reject).

GOSPEL – THE POWER OF GOD TO SAVE

Romans 1 v 16: For I am **not ashamed** of the **gospel of Christ**, for it is the **power of God to salvation for everyone who believes**, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "**The just shall live by faith**."

1 Corinthians **15** v **1**: Moreover, brethren, I declare to you **the gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

WHO NEEDS TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE?

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2 Corinthians 5 v 17: Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was

in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has **committed to us the word of reconciliation**.

²⁰ Now then, we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though **God were pleading through us**: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Matthew 4 v 19 – Jesus calls the fishermen: Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 28 v 18 – the Great Commission: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ **Go therefore and make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Matthew 10 v 7 – Jesus sends the 12: And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

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WHY DO WE NEED TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE?

Matthew 9 v 35: Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. ³⁶ But when He **saw** the multitudes, He was moved with **compassion** for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. ³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to **send out laborers into His harvest**."

Luke 15 v 1: Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. ² And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." ³ So He spoke this parable to them, saying:

⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbors, saying to them, '**Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!**' ⁷ I say to you that likewise there will be more **joy in heaven over one sinner who repents** than over ninetynine just persons who need no repentance.

Luke 19 v 10:for the Son of Man (Jesus) has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

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THE GOSPEL, MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE – EXPLAINED THROUGH COLORS

GOLD – GOD IS KING

THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE GOD & HE LOVES YOU

Isaiah 45 v 18 – 25; Acts 17 v 24 – 31

Creator – made you

- In the beginning nothing existed except God. He created everything. (Gen 1 v 1)
- His most wonderful creation was man. Created in His image (Gen 1 v 26)
 He knit you together in your mothers' womb. You are fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps 139 v 13,14)
- You were created by Him, and for Him (Col 1 v 16)
- He cares for, and upholds all creation. He also cares for, and loves you (Mat 6 v 24-33)
- His plans for you are good. He wants to give you hope and a good future (Jer 29 v 10)

Only true God

- He is the Creator He is the only true God (Isaiah 44 v 6)
- Only God may be worshipped (1 Timothy 1 v 17)
- If you serve, honor or worship anything else, it is a false god. (Other gods, yourself, another person, angels, spirits, ancestors, created things animals, nature, stars)

Attributes of God

- God is eternal, everywhere, almighty, all-powerful, all-knowing.
- God is Holy no darkness in Him
- God is love (1 John 4 v 8)

God Loves you, want a relationship with you

- He knows your name and He want to be good to you. He loves you. (Ps 139, John 3 v 16, Jer 31 v 3)
- You cannot earn His love with gifts, sacrifices or works. (Eph 2 v 9)
- He wants your whole life. Heart, soul, mind, strength. (Mark 12 v 30)

It is His will that you be saved

• He wants all the people in the world to be His children

We are saved by His grace through faith in His Son (Eph 2 v 8)

- Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11 v 6)
 - Whoever comes to God must believe:
 - 1) that He exists, 2) He rewards those who seek Him.

There is something that prevents us from being His child

- Sin (missing His plan and purpose for our lives) (Romans 1 v 18)
- He is Holy; therefore, we must be Holy (blameless) (Isa 6 v 1, I Peter 1 v 16)

(BLACK - WILL TELL YOU ABOUT YOUR SIN)

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BLACK – SIN SEPERATES US FROM GOD

YOU HAVE SINNED AND CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF

Because God is holy, He gave us commandments to live holy before Him. (Ex 20 v 1)

Exodus 20 – Ten Commandments: And God spoke all these words, saying: ² "I *am* the LORD your God.....(1) "You shall have no other gods before Me. (worship nothing else).

(2)⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image (*idols*)—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

(3) ⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain (*blasphemy*), for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

(4) ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. ¹¹ For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

(5) ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

(6) ¹³ "You shall not murder. (Jesus – if you hate your brother, angry without cause... – Mat 5 v 21)

- (7) ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. (Jesus If you look at a woman with lust... Mat 5 v 28)
- (8) ¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

(9) ¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness (Lying) against your neighbor.

(10) ¹⁷ "**You shall not covet** (*desire, envy, long for*) your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor's.

• If you break one of these commandments, you break them all (James 2 v 10)

We have all sinned and fallen short of the Glory (standards) of God (Rom 3 v 23)

- No one: Righteous, who seeks after God, who does good, fears God (Rom 3 v 10 18)
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (1 John 1 v 8)

- We are all guilty before God (Roma 3 v 19)
- The law gave us the knowledge of our sin (Rom 3 v 20)

Nothing you do can save you.

- Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Cor 6 v 9)
- Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Gal 5 v 19)
- But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (Rev 21 v 8)

Wages (Payment) for sin is death (Rom 6 v 23)

- Wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men...(Rom 1 v 18)
- The Day of the Lord.... when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe.... (2 Tess 1 v 7)
- Every one must **answer for themselves**, and give a **personal account** of their lives before God (Romans 14 v 12)

Good news

- Because God loves you, He has made a way. He made a plan to save your life. Forever.
- While we were still sinners Jesus Christ died for us, to pay the penalty for our sin (Rom 5 v 8)

(RED – WILL TELL YOU ABOUT HIS PLAN)

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RED – BLOOD OF JESUS

GOD SENT HIS SON JESUS CHRIST TO SAVE YOU

Although you are a sinner, God has never stopped loving you

• God hates sin. Sin must be punished; it cannot go unpunished.

God's Plan: sent His Son (Jesus), to take the punishment for your sin upon Himself

John 3 v 16: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- The Son of God, Who is also God (John 1 v 1), came to earth as a man.
- Born of a virgin woman, conceived by the Holy Spirit of God (Luke 1 v 27, 35)
- Born as a human being, therefore also called the Son of Man

Jesus lived a completely sinless live here on earth

• Went through all the trials, tribulations and temptation that we go through – never sinned (Hebrews 4 v 15)

He was the perfect, blameless, holy sacrifice for your sin

Jesus took our sins upon Himself – God punished Him for it

2 Cor 5 v 21: For He (*God*) made Him (*Jesus*) who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

God punished Jesus on a cross. Poured out His wrath and judgement on Jesus.

For you and me.

Isaiah 53 v 1

⁴ Surely He has <u>borne our griefs</u>
And <u>carried our sorrows;</u>
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by <u>His stripes we are healed</u>.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

The Blood of Jesus – spilled on the cross

- We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1 v 14, Eph 1 v 7)
- Through Jesus we are **reconciled** to Father God, having made **peace** through the blood of His cross. (Col 1 v19)
- The church of God which He **purchased** with His own blood (Acts 20 v 28)
- The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1 v 7)
- having now been **justified** by His blood (Rom 5 v 9)

Romans 3 v 23:for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being **justified freely** by His grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus,...... **by His blood**, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

1 Peter 1 v 18:you were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the **precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Jesus is the only mediator between God and man (1 Tim 2 v 5)

- He is the way, the truth, and life. No one comes to the Father except through Him (John 14 v 6)
- There is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved (Acts 4 v 12)

That is the good news, the Gospel message

- Jesus was delivered up (died) because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification. (Romans 4 v 25)
- Jesus died once for all, the innocent for the guilty, to bring you to God (1 Peter 3 v 18)

(WHITE - WILL TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU BELIEVE THIS GOSPEL)

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WHITE – PURE & CLEAN

IF YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS, YOU CAN BE SURE THAT YOU ARE SAVED

Jesus already did everything necessary for you to be saved.

If you believe this Gospel message it will save you. (1 Cor 15 v 1-8)

- 1. Jesus died on the cross
- 2. Buried
- 3. Rose again on the 3rd day

40 days after He was risen, He went back to Heaven, overcame sin and death forever.

• Knowing this does not help you. You need to Believe, in Jesus, and His work on the cross.

Believe = Saved, become child of God, receive everlasting life

- John 6 v 47: Most assuredly, I say to you, <u>he who believes in Me</u> has everlasting life.
- John 1 v 12: But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name....
- John 3 v 36: He who <u>believes in the Son</u> has **everlasting life**; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."
- <u>Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ</u>, and **you will be saved**...."(Acts 16 v 31)

New Creation

2 Corinthians 5 v 17: ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ

• We are made Holy by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Heb 10 v 10)

New Identity

1 Pet 2 v 9: But you *are* a **chosen generation**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, His own **special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who **called you out of darkness into His marvelous light**; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have **obtained mercy**.

Forgiven - Remove our sins

1 John **1** v **9**: But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Psalm 103 v 10: He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. ¹¹ For **his unfailing love toward those who fear him** is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. ¹² He has **removed our sins** as far from us as the **east is from the west**.

CHOICE – SALVATION CALL

I Put before you life and death. Plead with you – Choose life! (Deut 30 v 19)

- Accept or reject this meassage today?
- Unless you are born again, you cannot enter the Kingdom of God (John 3 v 3)

Romans 10 v 9,10,13:if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.....¹³ For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

- God does not force us to love and obey Him.
- Created us with free will we can choose.
- Today we still have a choice to make will you trust His plan to save you?

CALL THEM !!!

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GREEN – GROWING SPIRITUALY

AS A CHILD OF GOD YOU MUST LIVE MORE LIKE JESUS

Baptism – 1st step to discipleship

Acts 22 v 16: And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

Acts 2 v 38: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 6: How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life**.

⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of *His* resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our **old man was crucified with** *Him,* that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should **no longer be slaves of sin**. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that **we shall also live with Him**, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be **dead indeed to sin, but alive to God** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Live for Jesus:

2 Corinthians 5 v 15: and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Galatians 2 v 20: I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh **I live by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Commandments

Mark 12 v 30 – the Great Commandment: And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This *is* the first commandment. ³¹ And the second, like *it*, *is* this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

John 13 v 34: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are **My disciples**, if you have love for one another."

Obey the Word of God

• **2 Tim 3 v 16:** All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Pray (speak) to God

• **Phil 4 v 6:** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Repent of our Sins

• **Prov 28 v 13:** He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy.

Grow with other Christians (Disciples) – Go to Church

• Acts 2 v 42: Devoted themselves: And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

New Priorities

• Matt 6 v 33: But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

New Calling & Mission

- Follow me, fishers of men Mat 4 v 19
- Great commission Mat 28 v 18
- Ministry of reconciliation 2 Cor 5 v 17

Isa 6 v 8: Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here *am* I! Send me."

Jos 24 v 14: "Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! ¹⁵ And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD**."

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BLUE – JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

JESUS WILL COME AGAIN TO FETCH HIS CHILDREN

Jesus rose from the dead – He is alive:

- Coming Back: to rule and reign & fetch His children (John 14 v 3)
- We don't know when He will come
- There wont be time for people to be saved then

- Get your life in order. If you are ready you will go with Him
- Continue to live for Him
- Obedience & faithfulness
- Live pure and Holy
- We look forward to His return

Revelation 19 v 11: Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness **He judges and makes war**. ¹² His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should **strike the nations**. And **He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron**. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Hebrews 9 v 27: And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

His Kingdom will be established

Rev 21 v 3:.... "Behold, the tabernacle of **God** *is* **with men**, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ And God will **wipe away every tear** from their eyes; there shall be **no more death**, **nor sorrow**, **nor crying**. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new**." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

Philippians 2 v 6: Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* **every tongue should confess** that **Jesus Christ** *is* **Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

AMEN