

**The gospel of the kingdom (vs the gospel of Christ, the gospel of salvation), is not written to us, and does not save.**

The reason that “Christ Jesus came into the world is to save sinners” (1 Tim 1:15). Jesus Christ did this when He paid for the sins of all the world by shedding His blood as the payment for all sins when He was crucified on the cross. But the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished other things. One of those was to fulfil the promises made to the children of Israel in the Old Testament. Paul writes about this in the following verse.

Now I say that **Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:** - Rom 15:8

These promises were about the gospel of the kingdom which included miraculous healings as revealed in the Isaiah scroll Christ read in the temple.

**17** And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, **18** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me **to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,** - Luke 4:17-18

Jesus Christ and the apostles preached the gospel of the kingdom in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. However, the gospel of John is written to the all and is about the gospel of salvation as shown below.

**11** **He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:** - John 1:11-12

In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, before Christ had risen from the dead, Jesus gave the following instructions to the 12 apostles. Notice they were instructed not to go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans but to the lost sheep of Israel. So, this shows the gospel of the kingdom promised to the children of Israel in the OT. Also note the healing also promised to the children of Israel.

**5** These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:** **6** **But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils:** freely ye have received, freely give. - Matt 10:5-8

In the following passage, Christ states that He was not sent to any but the lost sheep of Israel, although He did have mercy of this woman.

**22** And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. **23** But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. **24** But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. - Matt 15:22-24

Here again note the promise of healing in the gospel of the kingdom. Note how Christ instructed them to preach the gospel of kingdom.

**1** Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. **2** And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. - Luke 9:1-2

Now Paul declares that the gospel of Christ, which is the gospel of salvation, is the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1** Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **2** By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. **3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; **4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: - 1 Cor 15:1-4

Now from the following 2 passages it is obvious that the apostles did not understand that Christ was to be crucified and rise from the dead even though Christ told them that. Yet from Paul's writing in the passage above, the gospel of Christ is the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. So, when Christ instructed the apostles to preach the gospel of the kingdom 2 passages above, it could not have been the gospel of Christ, the gospel of salvation, since they did not even understand that Christ was going to be crucified and rise from the dead. This is proved by these 2 passages. There are more that do so also.

**31** Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. **32** For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: **33** And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again. **34** And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken. - Luke 18:31-34

**31** For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. **32** But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him. - Mark 9:31-32

In the following passage Christ ascends in the clouds to heaven. So, there will be no kingdom of heaven until the King of Kings, Jesus Christ, returns in the clouds of heaven.

**6** When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, **Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?** **7** And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.** **8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. **9** And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; **and a cloud received him out of their sight.** **10** And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; **11** Which also said, **Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.** - Acts 1:6-11

That return of Christ in the clouds of heaven was predicted in Dan 7 and Rev 1.

**13** I saw in the night visions, and, behold, **one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven,** and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. **14** **And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.** - Dan 7:13-14

<sup>7</sup> Behold, **he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him,** and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen <sup>8</sup> **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.** - Rev 1:7-8

While Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom of heaven to the children of Israel in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, He spoke openly to the world of the gospel of salvation as is shown on the following 2 verses.

Jesus answered him, **I spake openly to the world;** I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; **and in secret have I said nothing.** - John 18:20

**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** - John 3:16

All of the rest of the passages below are not written to the saved Gentiles in this age of grace. If someone thinks that they are, they should be doing these.

**2** Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: **3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do;** but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. - Matt 23:2-3

**They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.** - Mark 16:18

So likewise, **whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.** - Luke 14:33

**32** And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. **33** And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. **34** Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, **35** And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. - Acts 4:32-35

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, **to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.** - James 1:1

Is any sick among you? **let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:** - James 5:14

**23** Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; **24** Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. - Matt 5:23-24

**17** Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. **18** For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. - Matt 5:17-18

**3** And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. **4** And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. - Matt 8:3-4

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