

For I am not ashamed of the Good News of Christ, for it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes; for the Jew first, and also for the Greek. For in it is revealed God's righteousness from faith to faith. As it is written, "But the righteous shall live by faith." (Romans 1:16-17)

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This word 'gospel' comes from an old English word **godspell**. The *d* was dropped from *godspell*, at the end of the thirteenth century. The change was unusually sudden.

The **sense of spell** meaning **news or account** continued on into the early modern era, **falling out of use** in the seventeenth century.

The **sense of spell** meaning a **magical incantation** or **charm** arose in the sixteenth century, a set of **words that one could speak** and **have a magical effect**, and that's the definition that prevails today.

While the word is formed from two Germanic roots, it is actually a calque of **one of several Latin phrases** *evangelium*, *bona adnuntiatio*, or *bonus nuntius*. These in turn are **based on the Greek** *εὐαγγέλιον*, meaning good news. (A calque is a loan translation, a term borrowed from another language but translated in the process.)ⁱ

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In a historical sense, this word was used in various contexts. In ancient Greece, the term could relate to **good news about victories in war** or other joyful events. However, within the New Testament, "Euaggelizo" has a specific **focus on the proclamation of the Christian Gospel**.ⁱⁱⁱ

This is the message which we have heard from him and announce to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)

Evangelist – from the Greek combination of *eu* and *angellein*

Eu means "good, well," from Greek *eus* "good," *eu* "well" (adv.), also "luckily, happily"

Greek *angelos*, literally "messenger, envoy, one that announces,"^{iv}

Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, (Romans 1:1-2 NAS95)

also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. (Ephesians 1:11-14 NAS95)

The **gospel** must **not be reduced** to an **escape** mechanism for humans to avoid impending punishment. The true gospel is not just good news, it is scandalously, almost unbelievably better than is comfortable for us.

This good news is not dependent on a need to be contrasted with bad news, like people too often imagine and present it. That mindset originates from the forbidden Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil that shapes how this whole world operates. This good news is also not the same 'good' as represented in the counterfeit system that Tree represented, but rather is rooted in the Tree of Life which is completely good with nothing in it to present the idea of balance or offset.

This gospel of the kingdom Jesus brings not just to this planet but to recover the entire universe into God's original design, is completely good just as God is light with no darkness at all. This is the nature of the true gospel, and as we shall see more and more, the power of this gospel is the power of love, life, truth and peace.

Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, seeing that his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and virtue; by which he has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. (2 Peter 1:2-4)

i <https://www.wordorigins.org/big-list-entries/gospel>

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When Jesus spoke about the **Gospel** of the kingdom, to many it seemed unbelievable.

Even though it is engraved in our sub-conscious to be superior to all things of the earth, the return to a status greater than Adam seemed too good to be true, even if you’ve seen it with your own eyes. But let the word of God be true and every man be a liar (Rom 3:4). Who has believed His report?

It may seem too good to be true, but the Way has already been made for you. Believe and receive this gospel:

You will have everlasting life (John 3:16)

You don’t have to earn it (Eph 2:6)

You will have peace of mind now (Is 26:3, Phil 4:7,8)

You don’t have to buy it (Acts 8:20)

You are already healed (1 Pet 2:24)

You don’t have to believe another report (Is 53:1)

You don’t have to lack for anything (Ps 23:1, Matt 6:32)

You can stop saying ” I’m just hanging in there” and say

“I rule as a king (or queen) on this planet. I have the authority and power to move darkness out of any place I see fit.” (Luke 10:19)

You can stop saying “You never know what will happen next” and say

“I’m informed and in tune with God. He knows and tells His people what’s going on and what is going to happen.” (Amos 5:7 John 14:26,16:13)

You can stop saying “The devil is busy” and say

“Every knee must bow and every tongue must confess that Jesus is Lord!...even now!...” Enough small talk...

When you act and sound like Jesus (represent) satan doesn’t know the difference

between you and Jesus. The light shines in darkness and the darkness doesn’t understand it (John 1:5). People may say satan doesn’t understand what you’re saying when you speak in the spirit, but he doesn’t even understand English when we say

“Lord, I love you, My sister I forgive you, thank you Lord for all you can ever do is love me” (He does understand “I bind you in Jesus name!”) We rule the earth with a God given permission. The meek will inherit it. This is good news. We cannot go against someone else’s will, but we can inform those who are ignorant about the good news, that they might accept this **gospel**.

God is too good not to be true. God is too good not to share. Spread these glad tidings

<https://jdaniellowe.wordpress.com/greek-word-study-gospel/>

iii <https://www.ministryvoice.com/euaggelizo-in-greek/>

iv <https://www.etymonline.com/word/evangelism>