**The Eternal Gospel**

If I were to ask you what is another term for the word ‘gospel’ how would you answer?

‘Good news’

O.K. So, what is the gospel (the good news)?

Is it, **Isaiah 61: 1-3**

*“… good news to the poor … sent … to bind up the broken hearted …*

*liberty to the captives >* physically, emotionally, spiritually

*opening of the prison to those who are bound …* by whatever/ whoever?

*to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour …*

*the day of vengeance of our God …*

*to comfort* ***all*** *who mourn …*

*a beautiful headdress instead of ashes …*

*the oil of gladness …*

*the garment of praise* **…”** read on.

Is that good news?

Is it **the** gospel?

Is it **Romans 10:8-9** if you:

*“… confess with your mouth …”;*

*“… believe in your heart … “;*

*“… you will be saved …”*

Plus, **Romans 10:13** *“… everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

Saved from what/who?

Is that good news?

Is that **the** gospel?

Is it **Isaiah 1:18** *“Come now, let us reason together says the Lord:”*

**God** invites us to sit down and reason things out with Him - amazing!!!!

*“… though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow …”* read on.

God will purify and transform us!

Is that good news?

Is that **the** gospel?

So, do we now know what the gospel (good news) is?

This may surprise you but my answer is, “No”.

These are all good news.

They are all wonderful components of the gospel – praise God

**BUT**

Turn to **Revelation 14:6-7**

What was the angel carrying? An **eternal** gospel!

How long is eternity? When did it begin? When does it end?

What is this gospel that has always been and will always be?

Look at **v7**: *“… Fear God and give Him glory… “*

**Why?**

1. The fear of God is good news - it’s the beginning of wisdom.
2. *“… the hour of His judgment has come… “* Gods judgment is good news/gospel. I’ll explain why in a minute.
3. *“… worship Him who made ……… “* none of us would be here if God hadn’t created, *“… heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”*
4. In fact, ‘here’ wouldn’t be here!!

So, how come the eternal good news is judgment?

**Jeremiah 9:23-24**. If you or I can boast (honestly claim) that I/we understand and know God then we are truly blessed because He is, *“ … the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice and righteousness in the earth …* for … *in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”*

God’s judgment rights wrongs’, delivers justice, restores what’s been lost/stolen ….

So, let’s hear it again. **Rev 14:6-7**

If we can only grasp the wonder of the eternal gospel then I/we will live our lives understanding the reality that it is all about Him - not me/us.

**Romans 11:36** *“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever (eternity!) Amen.*