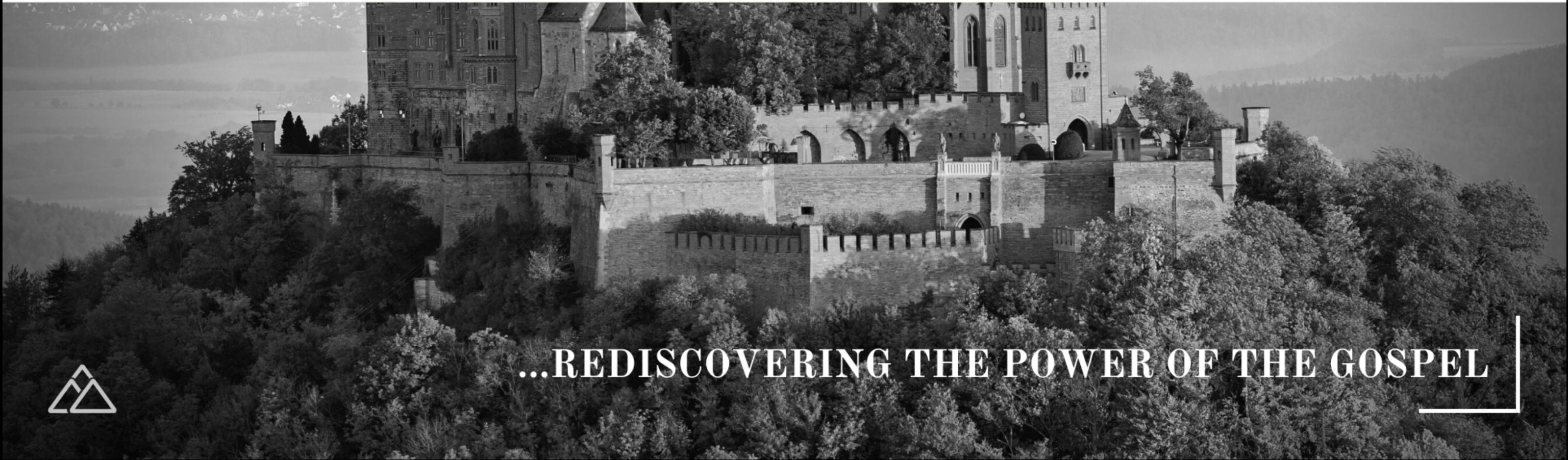
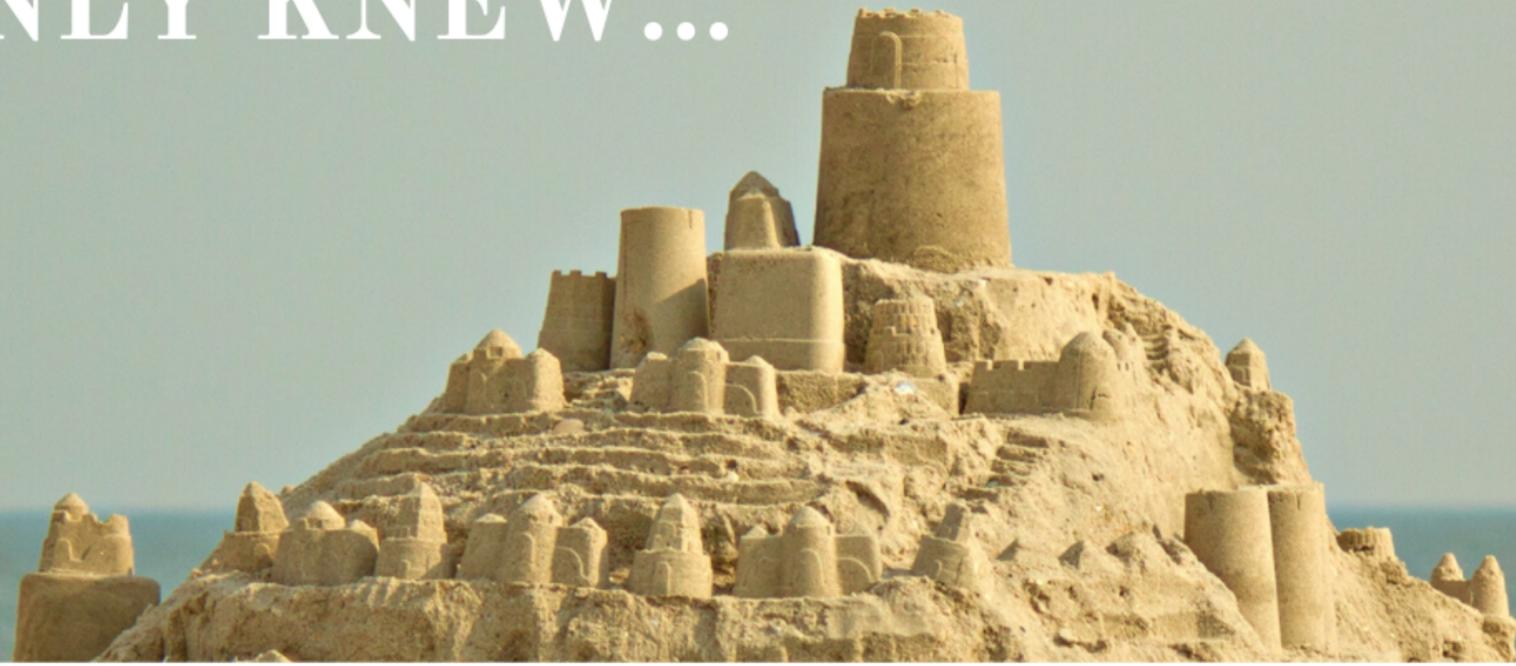


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...REDISCOVERING THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL





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**Gospel: Old English *godspel*, "glad tidings."**

**Literally "good spell," from god "good" "story," "message,"  
Good News.**





**1 Corinthians 15:1,3-4 (English Standard Version)**

**Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand...**

**For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures**





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***The Righteous Shall Live by Faith***

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**Gospel: Euangelion often used in “bringing news of victory”  
or “declaring a victory.”**





**“A messenger comes from the place of battle and declares victory over enemies or the death of the opponent. This messenger regards himself as a bearer of good tidings (2 S. 4:10... Every messenger from a battlefield came to be called εὐαγγελιστής (Euangelistou translated Evangelist)”**

**- Theological Dictionary of the New Testament**





“ τὴν ἄλωσιν αὐτοῖς τῆς πόλεως εὐηγγελίζετο. **Joshua is a messenger of God proclaiming the fall of Jericho with a word of power.**”

- **Josephus**





**Psalm 40 & 68, Isaiah 40, 41, & 52 all speak of the future coming messiah king and the gospel of Yahweh He will bring.**





## ***The Gospel to the Greeks***

**“Victory over enemies (resulting in) the salvation of the city.”**

**- G. W. Bromiley & G. Friedrich**





**“A magician tells of the freeing of the house from a ghost or the Liberation from enemies and deliverance from the demonic powers which frighten men are occasions for εὐαγγελίζεσθαι”**

**- *Luc. Philopseudes***





## ***False Gospel***

**“In time of war... false stories of victory are circulated to boost the morale of tired soldiers... (a gospel) comes to be treated with suspicion.”**

**- G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich**





**“The signs of victory, the head of the enemy and his weapons (would be) displayed in the land.”**

**- G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich**





## **1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (English Standard Version)**

**“Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**







## **Mark 1:1 (NASB)**

**The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God...**



**“The Gospel does not merely bear witness to a historical event... it transcends history. Nor does it consist only of... sayings concerning Jesus which every Christian must know... On the contrary, The Gospel does not merely bear witness to salvation history; it is itself salvation history. In the NT Jesus Himself is the εὐαγγελιζόμενος. He Himself is the content of His message. (the gospel of Jesus) breaks into the life of man, refashions it and creates communities. it... proves itself to be living power”**



**- *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (Paraphrase)**



# ***The Gospel Is Freedom***





**Luke 4:13-14 (English Standard Version)**

**And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time. And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.**





**Luke 4:16-17 (English Standard Version)**

**And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up.**

**And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written...**





## **Luke 4:18-19**

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”**





## **Luke 4:20-21**

**And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."**





**Luke 4:40-41 (English Standard Version)**

**Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.**





**Luke 4:42-43 (English Standard Version)**

**And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."**





**Galatians 5:1 (English Standard Version)**

**For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**





## **Galatians 5:1 (The Message)**

**Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand!  
Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.**





## **Galatians 5:13-15 (The Message)**

**It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows.**



