



The Evolution of the AMERICAN GOSPEL by Arthur Bailey Part 2

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The American gospel that is preached in the corporate American churches, which identify as Christianity, did not originate with Yeshua/Jesus. In fact, what is preached today in the corporate American westernized church is very different from the Gospel that Yeshua/Jesus preached in His day.

The gospel that is being exported from America, and impacting churches and religious life worldwide, is a western version of the Gospel that originated with the Hebrew Messiah called Yeshua.

The Gospel we know today in America has gone through several phases, or transitions, or versions, however you look at them.

1. The American gospel, before it was Americanized, was westernized.
2. Before it was westernized, it was Europeanized.
3. Before it was Europeanized, it was Latinized.
4. Before it was Latinized, or Latin, it was Grecized.
5. Before it was Grecized, it was Aramaic and Hebrew.

Reverse the order and here is the evolution the Gospel has gone through.

1. From Hebrew/Aramaic to Greek
2. From Greek to Latin
3. From Latin to European/Westernized (Anglo-Saxon/Old English)
4. From European/Westernized (Anglo-Saxon/Old English) to American English
5. From American English to the various translations of Bibles shipped around the world

The word **Gospel** is the English word used to translate the Greek word for “**good news**”.

Christians use the word to designate the message and story of God’s saving activity through the life, ministry, death, burial, and resurrection of God’s unique Son, Jesus.

Although “gospel” translates a Greek word from the New Testament, the concept of good news finds its roots in the Hebrew language of the Old Testament.

Merriam Webster’s Definition of gospel

1a the message concerning Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.

b : one of the first four New Testament books telling of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; *also* :

c: an interpretation of the Christian message *the social gospel*

2 : a lection (liturgical reading) from one of the New Testament Gospels

3: the message or teachings of a religious teacher

4: something accepted or promoted as infallible truth or as a guiding principle or doctrine

The Gospel that Yeshua taught, and the Gospel His Disciples taught, is not the same gospel that is being taught in the westernized church today.

The gospel that is preached in America today has been westernized and Christianized and therefore has taken on a totally new identity.

It is highly possible that the gospel preached today in America is the **other gospel** the Apostle Paul referenced in his writing. We will discuss this later in this teaching.

When I hear the word gospel in America today, several Biblical references come to my mind.

- The Gospel of YeHoVaH/God
- The Gospel of Yeshua/Jesus
- The Gospel of the Kingdom of God
- The Synoptic Gospels
- Paul’s Gospel
- The Other gospel
- The Everlasting Gospel
- Revelation

The Gospel of YeHoVaH/God

Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (Rom 1:1 KJV)

The Gospel of Yeshua/Jesus

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; (Mar 1:1 KJV)

Before there was the written Gospel, there was the Gospel spoken.

What Yeshua taught (spoke) is the Gospel Yeshua preached.

The Gospel Yeshua preached is the Gospel of Yeshua (aka Jesus) or the Gospel of Messiah (aka Jesus Christ).

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God

¹⁴ Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

¹⁵ And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. (Mar 1:14-15 KJV)

The written Gospels are what we refer to today as:

- The Gospel of Matthew
- The Gospel of Mark
- The Gospel of Luke
- The Gospel of John

The Synoptic Gospels

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are referred to as the **Synoptic Gospels** because they include many of the same stories, often in a similar sequence and in similar wording. They stand in contrast to John, whose content is comparatively distinct.

Paul's Gospel

Ro 2:12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

Ro 2:13 (For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Ro 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Ro 2:15 Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Ro 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to **my gospel**.

Rom 16:25-26 KJV

²⁵ Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to **my gospel**, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

²⁶ But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

Other or another gospel

For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*. (2Co 11:4 KJV)

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto **another gospel**:

⁷ Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would **pervert the gospel** of Christ.

⁸ But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach **any other gospel** unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

⁹ As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach **any other gospel** unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

¹⁰ For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

¹¹ But I certify you, brethren, that **the gospel which was preached of me** is not after man.

¹² For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.
(Gal 1:6-12 KJV)

Paul was accused of preaching heresy by the religious leaders. However, Paul believed the Law and the Prophets.

¹⁴ But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: (Act 24:14 KJV)

The Everlasting Gospel

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the **everlasting** gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
(Rev 14:6 KJV)

Everlasting – 166 αἰώνιος *aionios* {ahee-o'-nee-os}

Meaning: 1) **without beginning and end**, that which always has been and always will be 2) without beginning 3) without end, never to cease, everlasting

Usage: AV - eternal 42, everlasting 25, the world began + 5550 2, since the world began + 5550 1, for ever 1; 71

Revelation

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John: (Rev 1:1 KJV)

The Gospel of Revelation included

Keeping YeHoVaH's Commandments
And Faith in Yeshua.

¹⁷ And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which **keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ**.
(Rev 12:17 KJV)

¹² Here is the patience of the **saints**: here *are* they that **keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus**. (Rev 14:12 KJV)

Hebrew Roots Gospel

When I talk about Hebrew Roots, I am not talking about a movement, or a religion, or a denomination. I am talking about the Gospel that has its origin in the Hebrew Scriptures.

This Hebrew Roots Gospel is the Everlasting Gospel.

When I talk about Hebrew Roots Faith, I mean tracing our faith back to its origin. The origin of our faith is rooted in Hebrew. The speakers were Hebrew; the writers (except for Luke) were Hebrew. The language was Hebrew. This is not something made up but is a verifiable fact which nobody can deny.

The Hebrew Roots Gospel originated among the Hebrew people. The Book of Hebrews writer spoke of the Gospel in his day in both present and past tenses.

Hebrews 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

² **For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them**: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*.

³ For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. (Heb 4:1-3 KJV)

Peter speaks of the Gospel being preached to those of old.

^{1Pe 4:6} For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in the spirit.

The Gospel came to us today through the Hebrew People, the people of Israel, the descendants of Abraham, whom YeHoVaH made Covenant with.

Although the word gospel is not found in the Tanach/Old Testament, the definition or meaning of the word gospel, as we know it, is there. The Hebrew word that best describes or defines the word we know as gospel is ***Bisar***.

Because there seems to be so many variables to the word gospel, it becomes difficult to define.

The Gospel Yeshua preached is not the same as the gospel about Yeshua/Jesus.

The definition of gospel has evolved from the original meaning to what it is today.

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The Origin and the Change of the Gospel