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## **What is the Gospel?** (Ken Walston – Kenna Outreach Ministries)

My Dearest Brethren, so many of you are weak in the Faith and lack Knowledge and Wisdom in preaching what is the Truth in regard to the Good News, that through Jesus of Nazareth, The Son of God, Who is, Who Was and Who is to Come Again, ALL of Mankind has been given Clemency of their Death Sentence and the Judgement of God, because He has redeemed us Forever, by being what God the Father considers as "The Eternal Sacrifice" for all of our transgressions against Him. The Son of God (Jesus the Christ) stood in our place, between God and Man, and took unto Himself our Transgressions (Sins) against God and has completely Forgiven those transgressions by fulfilling what the Law of Moses decreed as the Atonement Sacrifice. He became that Eternal Sacrifice so that once and for all, the Law would be completely fulfilled and no longer would our Transgressions against God need Atonement (Covering Over), but He would give Propitiation (Payment in Full) and complete Forgiveness of all our Transgressions, Forever! This is the fulfillment of what King David said in Psalms 103:11-12 concerning the Messiah taking our Transgressions and casting them away from Him, as far as the East is from the West.

The Command of Jesus, "to take this Gospel to the Ends of the Earth" by His Apostle's and then to all the Disciple's that would come afterwards through their testimony, would become the Foundation of the Church through the Ages. This is the reason He sent us the Holy Spirit, who is the Teacher and Reveals the Truth about all that Jesus is to humanity and to be The Witness of the Truth, that Jesus is Lord and God!

Starting with those men who lived and witnessed first-hand, the Lord Jesus as He walked this earth as the Son of God (God in Flesh-Man God) and witnessed His Glory and Power as given by the Father to prove beyond any doubt, that He was God and Messiah, who was coming to finally bring mankind back into "Good Standing" with God, just as Adam was before His fall into sin. So, God was bringing in Full Circle what He had originally set forth for His Creation in the Garden of God to begin with.

The reason so many of you are weak in the Faith is because it is dummied up by religious dogma and false teaching; that the Church here on earth has become what Jesus said it would be in this last generation, just before His return, the Church of Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-21). Leaders within the Church are like wolves in sheep's clothing, sinister and evil in leading the Fold of Christ in a misguided direction in order to control the Church in their fashion and profit, thus projecting a False Gospel and illegitimate doctrines, which the world can use as a contradiction to the real Gospel of Christ.

It is for each of us who are in Christ Jesus, not just Church Leaders (Pastors, Evangelists, Missionaries and Teachers) to be a witness of the Truth; to be the physical extension of the Good News that He proclaimed and still does through the Holy Spirit by means of the Church (the Body of Christ).

Many believe that the Gospel is about His death on the Cross and the Forgiveness of Sins, but that is just part of the Good News, the rest is that when God the Father Raised the Son from the

Grave (Death), He did so into Eternal Life. He had now and forever given to mankind the Greatest Gift and the Means to Eternal Life. That those who will put their heartfelt Faith in believing that Jesus is The Resurrection and the Life and will call upon His Name and receive by Faith, not only the Forgiveness of their Sins (Transgressions), but their Salvation, that they will also be given Eternal Life through Faith in Jesus Christ.

Why is this such a pressing issue with Christianity? Why is there such a need to be Saved?

It is estimated that today, only 1% of the total Global Body of Christ is active in a Gospel Ministry, which is promoting the spreading of the Gospel of Christ. It is also estimated that 31% of the 7.1 Billion people in the world consider themselves to be Christian through association to a religious order. In the 2010 USA Census, 45% of the Christian Church consider themselves to be within the Gospel definition of "Born Again", and the percentage is much less in the World-Wide Christian Community.

This means that the overwhelming majority of the "Body of Christ" are either not practicing their Faith or are complacent in showing up on Sunday and putting their Rear-Ends in pews watching the "Big Show" or just listening to a Pastors Sermon on a verse of Bible Scripture with no conviction of participating in the Command of Christ to Spread the Good News throughout the Ends of the Earth.

The Scriptures are not the "Good News"; The "LAW" is not the "Good News"; the Birth of Jesus was not the "Good News" (although it was the event that led to it). The "Good News" is that our Captivity is over; our Captivity to Sin! We are no longer Enemies of God, but rather through Faith in Jesus Christ, we are put Right with God and become His Children and are Saved from the Judgement of Eternal Damnation.

The funny thing is that the vast majority of Pastors and Church Leadership don't want that kind of teaching or conviction to be promoted. What they have is a career path mentality and their congregation is the pathway to maintaining that job security. It's not to bring more people to Christ and His Salvation as it is to bring more people into the local Church Congregation and grow that venue. The Altar Call is not necessarily to benefit the sinner into Salvation as it is to get persons into the Congregation that have similar belief and loyalty thus sustaining the program agenda without opposition.

As the Children of the Most High God and Receivers of His Salvation to Eternal Life, our absolute conviction to our God should be beyond doubt, that we are Servants to Him more than we are Recipients. Our Love towards His Unconditional Love for us, should be one of utmost devotion, and that devotion should always be unwavering towards the testimony of His Sacrifice and Free Gift that He has secured for all mankind (every human being).

The pressing issue and need for preaching the Good News to all of humanity, is that every one of us has a destiny towards an end, we are all going to die. That death has a sting to it in our existence and no one knows the day or the hour or the circumstance in which this physical life will end. The impunity of this life force within each of us is Eternal, so when facing this destiny at its end, we are entering into an Eternal Cross-Roads of either the Grave (Darkness) or the Presence of God (Light). The decision of that destiny is not after you die, but before. It is by the Pleasure of God, that no one go into Darkness, but receive the Salvation afforded through Jesus Christ, for there is only One God and One Intercessory between God and Man, and that is Jesus Christ. This is the Complete "Good News" or Gospel.