

What's the Gospel?

This is God's Word for my life in this Place and at this Time. Today I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own, and I KNOW He has a purpose for my life.



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.



He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.



He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” Isaiah 61:1-2



Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them,

“Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Luke 4:14-21



We live in a cannibalistic world driven to control it, consume it and conquer it.



Prisoners of Ambition (*I am what I attain, rise above*)

Blinded by Affluence (*I am what I control*)

Oppressed by Anger (*I am in comparison to others*)



The Gospel Alternative

1. Adoption: New Relationship to God

“The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” Romans 8:15



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2. **Attitude: New Relationship to Life**

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” Mk 9:35



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3. Agenda: New Relationship to Time

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? Mt 16:26

