



THE FATHER'S GOSPEL

Understanding His Work

The Father's Work

John 5:16-18

16 So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. **17** Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." **18** For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

The Father's Work

II Cor 5:17-20

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! **18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20** We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

The Father's Message

John 5:24

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

I John 2:20-23

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. **21** I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. **22** Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist--he denies the Father and the Son. **23** No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

The Father's Message

- **John 5:26-30**

26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. **27** And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. **28** "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice **29** and come out-- those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. **30** By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

Paul's Message

Gal 1:3-5

To the churches in Galatia:

3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Paul's Message

Gal 1:6-9

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel-- **7** which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. **8** But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! **9** As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

Paul's Message

1 Tim 6:3,4

3 If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, **4** he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions .

The Message of Endurance

The Proof is in the Pudding!

1 Thess 1:2-3

2 We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. **3** We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Message of Endurance

II Cor 1:3-6

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, **4** who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. **5** For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. **6** If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.

Birth Through the Word

James 1:16-18

16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. **17** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. **18** He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

The Father's Promise of the Paraclete

Acts 2:32

32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. **33** Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Paraclete (lat. *paracletus*) comes from the Koine Greek word παράκλητος (*paráklētos*, "one who consoles, one who intercedes on our behalf, a comforter or an advocate").¹

The Our Father

Matt 6:9

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, **10** your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. **11** Give us today our daily bread. **12** Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. **13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. '