

Words of the Kingdom

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1. Gospel

- Greek: εὐαγγέλιον (euaggelion); Hebrew: בָּשָׂר (basar)
- Good news of the Kingdom/Kingship of Jesus Christ
- NOT *merely* the news that Jesus died for your sins. (Good Friday is not good if separated from Easter and Ascension.)
- Strong's Greek Definition: "good news" Usage: "the good news of the coming of the Messiah"
- Strong's Hebrew Defn: "to bear tidings"
- "Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming **the gospel of the kingdom...**" (Matt. 4:23)
- See also 2 Sam 4:10; Is. 61:1; Acts 20:24-25; Rev. 14:6-7

2. Law

- Greek: νόμος (nomos); Hebrew: תּוֹרָה (torah)
- An assigned bond or instruction by which an authority leads its subjects
- NOT merely a formal written legal requirement.
- Strong's Greek Definition: "that which is assigned, hence usage, law"
- Strong's Hebrew Defn: "direction, instruction, law"
- "So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the **law** of liberty." (James 2)
- See also Ex. 16:4

3. Faith / Belief

- Greek: πίστις (pistis); Hebrew: אֱמוּנָה (emunah)
- Fealty of the heart / Mode of to whom you listen
- NOT *merely* trust or mental assent about someone or something
- Strong's Greek Definition: "faith, faithfulness"
- Strong's Hebrew Definition: "firmness, steadfastness, fidelity"
- "...So his hands were **steady** until the going down of the sun." (Ex. 17:12)
- "...to bring about the obedience of **faith** among all the Gentiles for His name's sake" (Rom. 1:5)
- See also 1 Chron 9:26, 2 Chron. 34:12, Heb. 10:35-11:19, James 2:21-23

4. Obedience

- Greek: ὑπακούω (ὑπακούω); Hebrew: שָׁמַע (shama)
- Submissive hearing / listening that forms a heart that willingly responds
- NOT primarily the performance of the outward act
- Strong's Greek Definition: "to listen, attend to"
- Strong's Hebrew Definition: "to hear"
- "So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the LORD your God, by **obeying** His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers,

to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them." (Deut. 30:19-20)

- See also Gen. 3:8,17; Matt. 8:27; Acts 6:7; 12:13; Rom. 1:5; 6:16

5. Fear

- Greek: φοβέομαι (phobeó); Hebrew: יָרָא (yare')
- Submission / Respect / Awe / Recognition of relative power
- NOT dread of expected evil
- Strong's Greek Definition: "to put to flight, to terrify, frighten"
- Strong's Hebrew Definition: "affright"; prim. root (yara): "to shoot, pour"
- "But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be **feared**." (Ps. 130:4)
- "However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she **respects** her husband." (Eph. 5:33)
- See also Gen. 3:10; Prov. 9:10; Matt. 1:20; 9:8

6. (Steadfast) Love

- Greek: ἀγαπάω (agapaó); Hebrew: חָשַׁב (cheched)
- Zealous family-bond service / mercy / devotion
- NOT a mere emotion
- Strong's Greek Definition: "to love"; Usage: "I love, wish well to, take pleasure in, long for; denotes the love of reason, esteem"
- Strong's Hebrew Definition: "goodness, kindness"
- "...slow to anger, and abounding in **steadfast love** and faithfulness..." (Ex. 34:6)
- "Do you **love** Me? ... Tend my sheep." (John 21:15 ff.)
- See also Ps. 136; Matt. 5:43-44; 22:37-39; Mark 10:21

7. Hope

- Greek: ἐλπίς (elpis); Hebrew: תִּקְוָה (tiqvah)
- Assurance / confident expectation
- NOT a wish or uncertainty
- Strong's Greek Definition: "expectation, hope". Usage: "hope, expectation, trust, confidence."
- Strong's Hebrew Definition: "cord"
- "If I should say I have **hope**, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown?" (Ruth 1:12)
- "...always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the **hope** that is in you..." (1 Pet. 3:15)
- See also Josh 2:18; Job 4:6; Ps. 9:18; Prov. 24:14; Rom. 8:20-25, 15:13; 1 Pet. 1:3-6,21