

## *The Gospel of the Harvest*

**Introduction:** Jesus said to that there is a great soul-harvest at hand but the workers needed to receive that harvest are few. He also said that God is the Lord of the harvest and that He is able to send the needed harvest-workers. Church, we have been called to be harvest-workers. Just as a skilled worker produces a bigger return; the more that we practice our calling, the greater harvest we can expect. Our harvest-tool is the gospel of Christ. Four things about the Gospel of the Harvest:

- The Gospel; Yields a soul-harvest. **James 1:18** *Of His own will He brought us forth be the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.* Our gospel is about Jesus and Jesus is about saving souls. As gospel-believers, we are a partial harvest of a future, full soul-harvest.  
*Where the Gospel goes, souls are saved.*
- The Gospel; Must be received by the humble-hearer. **James 1:21** *Therefore... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.* The gospel must be heard and received with humility. Pride resists the gospel and God resists the proud.  
*The Gospel produces meekness, meekness is not weakness.*
- The Gospel; Reveals our spiritual-condition. **James 1:22-24** *For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like man observing his natural face in a mirror... and forgets...* Not everything that God reveals about us through His word is comfortable for us to acknowledge. But repentance only comes after we admit our sins.  
*The Gospel is not about comfort, it's about souls.*
- The Gospel; Brings blessing to the obedient-hearer. **James 1:25** *But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty... and continues in it... this one will be blessed in what he does.* Without application, the word of God is only information. To stand on God's promises you must know what they are and to receive them requires a life-change.  
*Application. Application. Application.*

Church, we can't do what it is that God wants us to do if we're not armed with the power of the gospel and we can't move in the full power of the gospel if we are not submitted to it. The gospel of Christ is the way to salvation and it's also the way to a victorious life. Obedience bring blessing. Hearing brings revelation. Humility brings receiving. Jesus saves souls.