

## 1.1.A(1) Gospel: Good New Life from God. Mark 1:1

### What is the Good Life?

The **beginning** of the **gospel** of **Jesus Mashiach (Christ)**, the **Son of God**.  
(Mark 1:1).

The “Gospel”- the *good, life-giving* message to you from God about His Son, Jesus Mashiach. The Lord God offers you a *good, **new life** in Jesus*, but this life is like nothing you have experienced before. But, it is “good,” because it is the life for which you were made. Discover first the *life* God has always wanted for you. For, if you are not convinced that God’s *new life* in Mashiach the best life for you, you will settle on this earthly life as

the best-there-is and be unwilling to let it go. In that case, God's gospel will mean nothing to you.

### Your Story:

These are the **generations** of the **heavens and the earth** when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Genesis 2:4

To start His Bible, the Lord God tells our story as a series of “generational” stories, each story a record of promise for a family and all that God will do for them. So, the first generational story God tells is our story, the story of the people we were meant to be as the *heirs of God*, the inheritors of

all that God created—the “heavens” and the “earth” (Genesis 2:4).

This is the *great purpose* for which you were made. You were made to be a son and heir of God, as a member of his family, the family of *Elohim*.

But, when our first parents lost everything by choosing to live lives *separated* from God, we lost our entire future of blessing as God’s heirs. In fact, losing the *spiritual life* we once shared with God (Genesis 2:7) orphaned from God in this world (Genesis 3:23).

So, the entire story of the Bible is how the Lord God promised that the *Firstborn Son* of our family, the *Seed- Zera* promised by God to be raised up from our family generations, would *restore us to God as sons* and recover for us the *good life* which God had planned for us from the beginning! (Genesis 3:15).

## The Story of the Firstborn Son, our promised *Seed-Zera*.

In the **beginning**, God created the  
heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

Now, you may be asking yourself, how can any of us, even our family's *firstborn son*, recover *spiritual life* for us if our first parents died for their sin, as the Lord God had warned (Genesis 2:17)? The *good news* of the Bible is that our family's *Firstborn Son* is not simply a *son of man* as we all are, but he is "Jesus Mashiach, **the Son of God**" (Mark 1:1). Though the Son was *raised up* in the house of David in the fullness of time, our Mashiach was with God-*Elohim* "in the beginning" (Genesis 1:1), in the eternity before God made *earth* as our *homeworld*. For, "in the *beginning* God-*Elohim* **created** the **heavens** and the **earth**" (1:1).

So, the life of “the Son of God” reaches to the very “beginning” untouched by sin and death, having the very life of God-*Elohim*. For, it was by his power that Elohim *commanded as a Father*, “let there be an expanse” (Genesis 1:6), and it was by this same power that Elohim *obeyed* this command as the *Son of God*, as it says: “so, God-*Elohim* created the expanse” (Genesis 1:7).

Because the Son of God is not just the *heir of man* but God’s *heir* as well, God says to him: “You are my Son, today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession” (Psalm 2:7-8).

Thus, when the Son of God is *raised up* into our family line as the Son of David as promised in 2 Samuel 7:12, he is the heir of both the heavens and the earth, sharing that inheritance with those given a *new life* that recaptures the good life we were created for as God’s children!

## The Inheritance of Noah and Abraham:

I will surely bless you, and I will surely **multiply your offspring** as the **stars** of heaven and as the **sand** that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,<sup>18</sup> and **in your offspring** shall **all** the **nations** of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” Genesis 22:17-18.

The Lord God promised a *Seed* to overcome the “head” of evil incarnate, the Serpent. This *Zera*, *Seed*, would be raised up in the family line begun by Adam and Eve. But, since the Son of God would be raised up as a *Seed* of the woman, a son of man, the “generations” of sons whom he would beget would be of his same *pedigree*, the sons of both God and man. Anticipating that mere sons of man would share in the very nature of God, the

Lord God himself addresses mere men to say: “I said, “You are *Elohim* (gods), sons of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, like men you shall die” (Psalm 82:6-7). Yet, when we who are *mere men* are *reborn* of the New Life given to us by Mashiach, the Son of God himself, this new life of the Spirit is eternal and undying.

But, how would this Son of God be raised up in our human line, the fallen line of Adam and Eve? Although there is *no New Life* for the children of Adam and Eve until this Son of God is raised up for us, still, each key moment in the *story* of our generations holds unique promise, even if we are all to be restored by our Mashiach, the Son of God (Mark 1:1). To understand how all our stories accomplish God’s purpose, let us remember at the outset that *inheritance*, even a *restored inheritance*, comes only through family lines and never anonymously to strangers. And, it comes first only to that family’s designated heir, the

Firstborn. Because it is the Firstborn who oversees and administers a family's inheritance, it is the Firstborn's *right* and sole *responsibility* to recover an inheritance when a family is dispossessed, serving as the family's *kinsman-Redeemer*. So, when we consider the bigger *generational story* of how the generations of Adam and Eve were *reborn* back into their inheritance, we must discover how their Firstborn was promised through the family's generations.

Though the chosen as the line of God's Firstborn Son, the "generations" of Adam were *winnowed* at the flood so that only the "generations of Noah" survived (Genesis ). Of Noah's three sons, it was Shem, the eldest, who would continue the line of redemption by holding to *Elohim*, the "God of Shem" ( ) and by building a house by which the other families would be returned to God's blessings.

From Shem to Terah, it was then revealed that Mashiach would be raised up as the “Seed of Abraham” (Genesis 22:17). For, it was Abraham’s line, through Isaac and then Jacob/ Israel, who would be considered God’s “Firstborn Son” (Exodus 4:22) of all the families of the earth. It would be the Seed of Abraham, and the people of Israel, bearing the *right* and the *responsibility* to Redeem and regain an inheritance and blessing for “all the families of the earth” (22:17).

Remarkably, the people of Israel would not only be the “house” from which Mashiach was “raised up” but also would be the last to enjoy his redemption, graciously allowing all the families of the earth to come to Mashiach first, like an elder brother letting the younger ones eat at the table first.

Of the generations of Abraham, this family Redeemer would be raised up from the house of David, for our Firstborn Son, Jesus Mashiach,

would not only receive an inheritance with his *fellow heirs*, but He would rule over the “heavens and the earth” on an eternal “throne” over a Kingdom to last forever and ever.

So, what is the *good life* restored to you as an inheritance by Jesus Mashiach, the Son of God? It is the life in the family of God as a *son* and *heir*, receiving from the Firstborn Heir, Jesus Mashiach, a rightful place of sonship in the House of God and David (2 Samuel 7:11, 13), a great people which whose hosts would establish the “throne” of Mashiach forever and ever to rule an eternal “kingdom” (7:16) of the “heavens” and the “earth.”

For such a *life*, the life of an heir of God as gaining a share in the Firstborn Son’s glorious future, what would you give up of this short and difficult earthly life?

