

THE GOSPEL

OF JESUS CHRIST

Born Of The HOLY SPIRIT

51619 Using KJV & Strong's Greek.

THE BRIDEGROOM, AND FASTING, WHEN HE'S GONE.

Matthew 9:14 "Then came to Him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Thy disciples fast not?

(John the Baptist was already in Herod's dungeon, and his remaining disciples were fasting. Fast: nace-tyoo'-o = abstain from food. Here they question JESUS about His disciples not fasting. But we remember that 2 of John's disciples were now following JESUS.

John and Andrew recognized their **Christ** had come, just as the Baptist said. Read Gospel of John 3:28-36).

9:15 "And JESUS said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber, mourn, as long as The Bridegroom is with them?

But the days will come, when The Bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then they shall fast.

(Sons of the Bridechamber, the friends of the Groom, (Groom's men), or the Wedding guests. John's disciples would have remembered that the Baptist pointed JESUS out to them as The Bridegroom. (John 3:29 & Hosea 2:19-23). GOD, In Covenant Relation, was a Bridegroom to Israel, and JESUS, in New Covenant Relation, would be The Bridegroom To The Church HE Would Build. The Apostles would be His Groom's Men, including the 7 who were with Him already. A Bridechamber: nymphon, noom-fohn' = The Bridal Room, not a place to fast. Still, JESUS is comforting John's

disciples with the Truth; that John was right about **Him** being The Bridegroom. And John had said of himself, I am the friend of The Bridegroom. John 3:29-30 "HE that has the Bride is The Bridegroom: but the friend of The Bridegroom, which stands and hears **Him**, rejoices greatly because of The Bridegroom's Voice: this my Joy therefore is Fulfilled. HE must increase, but I must decrease... continue reading to verse 36). JESUS knows that in order for **Him** to become The Bridegroom, that HE will be Taken from His disciples by His own Nation and brought to Rome's Governor for Crucifixion).

9:16 "No man puts a piece of new cloth onto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up takes away from the garment, and the rent is made worse. (the Old Law Covenant was ending and the New Grace Covenant was beginning, and would take effect upon JESUS Christ's death. Even adding Fasting would not save the Old Covenant. They saw JESUS, and His disciples Not fasting, as taking away from them. The Old Covenant could never hold what JESUS was Now Bringing to His Jewish People, and the World).

9:17 "Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the bottles

perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved. (Neither the disciples of John, Scribes, or Pharisees could hope to contain the Life and Power of JESUS Ministry. The Priesthood was changing from Aaron/Levi (Numbers 1:49-51, 3:6-51) to Melchizedek the original Priesthood of Jeru-SALEM (Peace). —See Genesis 14:18-20. And read all of the book of Hebrews. A wise Master-builder knows not to build a New Building on an old foundation or Sub-struction. Because what was laid in the old concrete may not supply the New Structure. The Foundation has to be equipped with Supply Lines that line up with how the Rooms will be laid out for the New House. So you have the water pipes/electrical lines in the right places when the walls are built up. This is why JESUS took so much time Training His 12, Because HE would make them the Foundation Stones of His Church. HE Himself Being The Chief Corner-Stone. (Ephesians 2:19-21).

Mark 2:18-22 says about the same.

Luke 5:33 Adds "and make prayers" sometimes people are so caught up in their own prayers, they don't see their Answers are already right before their noses.

5:34 Can you make the children of the Bridechamber fast, while The Bridegroom is already positioned with: meta, met-ah' = Accompany them. JESUS disciples were not fasting to see GOD answer their prayers. Their prayers were standing right before them, Answered.

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BUT THE DAY WILL COME WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM WILL BE TAKEN UP, AWAY.

5:35 But the time will come when The Bridegroom shall be taken away: apairo, ap-ah'ee-ro = to lift off, remove, take Up away from. **The Cross** was the lifting Up. The Jewish rulers said, Lift Him Up, Bear Him Away, and give us Bar-abbas instead. (See Luke 23:18 & John 19:15). **From them, and then shall they Fast** in those days.

5:36 "And HE Spoke unto them this parable; No man puts a new piece of garment upon an old; or the New makes a rent, because the piece that is taken out of the New agrees Not with the old. (**Parable:** parabole, par-ab-ol-ay' = similitude, comparison. **Unto:** pros = a preposition of direction, toward them, pertaining to them, by the side of **them**. Nobody sews a piece of **New** fabric over a worn out garment. The **New** fabric quickly tears away from the worn out cloth. The **New** would not be torn, but the Old would tear off from the **New**. Because the materials do not **Agree:** symphoneo, soom-fo-neh'-o = they do not sound together, concur, nor are they harmonious. **Law** and **GRACE** are not the same. The Jews were never fully able to keep the **LAW** given through **Moses**; **So Grace and Truth Came By JESUS CHRIST.** —See Gospel of John 1:16-18).

5:37 "And no man puts new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. (**New:** neos, neh'-os = fresh, regenerate, young. **Bottles:** askos, as-kos' = a leathern bag that they used as a bottle. From askeo, as-keh'-o = to elaborate, train, exercise (a vessel). The Pharisees would never be trainable as...

Disciples. Pharisees would not change their Old ways; so His New Ways were constantly wrecking them. **The New Wine Was Bursting:** rhegnumi, hrayg'-noo-mee = break, wreck, crack, sunder-separation of parts, shattering to fragments; but not a reduction to the constituent particles, only disrupting, convulsing, giving vent to their emotions. **Break** forth, burst, rend, tear. Some of the Sanhedrin Council like Joseph of Arimathea, and Pharisees, like Nicodemus, were already Converting to **JESUS**. (Gospel of John Ch 3. Matt 27:57, Mark 15:43, Luke 23:50-56).

Luke 5:38 "But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. (**But:** alla, al-lah' = other things contrariwise. **From allos, al'-los** = else, different. **New wine must be put into New bottles; and both are Preserved:** syntereo, soon-tay-reh'-o = to keep closely together, to conserve from ruin, mentally to remember. **JESUS** was being very Gracious to the Pharisees here. Had they not made such a stink about **Him** and **His New Ways**, they might have been... remembered in a more Gracious Way in this AD Age).

5:39 "No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, the old is better. (**old wine straightway:** eu-theos, yoo-theh'-oce = at once or soon, immediately. **Desireth:** thelo, thel'-o = choose or prefer, be inclined to. The old, well fermented wine was satisfactory to the Pharisees. They were satiated by imbibing it, and had no taste for anything New... Again **JESUS** was being Understanding of them. They really thought the Old Way Of **LAW** was better: **chrestos, khrase-tos'** = useful.

And to them the **LAW** was useful in ruling over the people, and it gave them a Job or Priesthood Ministry to do for **GOD**. **Grace** put them out of their Field of Religious Rule. **Chrestos** (easy, good, employable) was 1 letter short of **CHRISTOS: CHRIST** in Greek. "The Anointed One" the Title for the **Savior/Redeemer** found **569** times in the Greek Bible. ...Some people wait till they have **Faith** enough to Believe, but the wise **Receive** and let **JESUS CHRIST** Make A **Believer** out of them.

Gospel of John 1:12 "But as many as **Received HIM**, to them gave HE Power to Become the sons of **GOD**, even to them that believe on His Name (**JESUS**)... Yes, **Receiving JESUS** is the First step in Becoming a Christian. Faith will come with **His Power, His Name**).

I will close out here with a bunch of Old and New Testament Reference Verses You can look up.

Bride: Isaiah 49:18, 61:10, 62:5. Jeremiah 16:9, 25:10, 33:11. Joel 2:16. Gospel of John 3:29. Revelation 18:23, 21:2, 9. 22:17.

Bridgroom: Psalm 19:5. Isaiah 61:10, 62:5. Jeremiah 7:34, 16:9, 25:10, 33:11. Joel 2:16. Matthew 9:15, 25:1,5,6,10. Mark 2:19-20. Luke 5:34-35. John 2:9, John 3:29. Revelation 18:23.

Bridgroom's Voice: John 3:29.

Bridechamber: Matthew 9:15. Mark 2:19. Luke 5:34.

GOD, THE HOLY FATHER has always sought to be close to us in Spirit, through **HIS SON** and **HOLY SPIRIT**. AND IN PERSON, IN THE **NEW JERUSALEM** COMING DOWN FROM HEAVEN. —Revelation 21:9-27.