



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## May 12, 2019



### Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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## Great Words in God’s Word

(Eleventh in a series of bulletin articles on Bible words)

**Update:** Having considered several Hebrew and Greek words in the first ten parts of our current bulletin series, let me affirm that you can clearly glean the will of God from English translations of the Bible. Reliable translations can and do convey the message of God’s word faithfully. That is why I began this series expressing gratitude to such scholars as **John Wycliffe** (1330–1384) and **William Tyndale** (1494-1536) who began the hard work of scholarship to get God’s word into the hands of English readers like you and me. But learning the will of God involves a devotion, led by God’s Holy Spirit, that transcends even original languages. The message is what matters that can come to us through English words. Nevertheless, learning more about original terms in their original context can be a valuable additional asset for digging deeper into the will of God. So, here is our next biblical Greek term to consider:

### “*Epangelia*”

In classical Greek, “*epangelia*” referred to the announcement of a public event, like an athletic competition or a sacrifice to a god. Also, a political manifesto could be called an *epangelia*. Sometimes *epangelia* described a lover’s profession. Of course, some politicians and alleged lovers will promise anything.

In the New Testament, by contrast, *epangelia* was almost always used to describe the reliable promises of God. It appears 52 times in the NT and 50 of those references point to God as the promise Maker and Keeper! Jesus used *epangelia* for the promise of “power from on high” when the Holy Spirit would come on Pentecost (Luke 24:49). Peter used *epangelia* twice in his Pentecost sermon to claim Jesus’ promise for His disciples and all who are baptized into Christ (Acts 2:33 7 39). Paul assured his readers that we are “Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to [epangelia] promise” (Galatians 3:29). The Hebrew author used *epangelia* more than any other NT author to fix our eyes on the more excellent ministry of Jesus, enacted on “better promises.” (Hebrews 8:6). Finally, John affirmed our ultimate hope when he wrote:

- “This is the promise [*epangelia*] which He Himself made to us: **eternal life.**” (1 John 2:25)

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