

“Marked For Life”
Mark 1: 1 - 3
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The Only Message We Have Is The Promised Regeneration Of The Spirit Of Christ Bringing Salvation, (vs. 1: 8)

Message Emphasis: Many of us today are guilty of making Christ our Lord a “concept” instead of seeing Christ for who He really is; LORD. This is evidenced by the thought that the message of the Church is somehow different or modified from what the Lord Himself proclaimed. We must understand that the Church has only ever had one message; you must be prepared for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.” (Isaiah 40:6–8, ESV)

There Has Only Ever Been One Message; Be Prepared For The Glorious Coming Of The Lord, (vs. 1 - 3)

- The work of the Lord MUST be in real life *We cannot hide in the abstract, Christ confronts us where we live*

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

1. *There MUST be a beginning in our personal relationship with Christ* *Our faith is not abstract*
2. *There MUST be a beginning in our separation from the temporal world* *Our duty is not abstract*
3. *There MUST be a beginning in our understanding of the Scriptures* *Our understanding is not abstract*
4. *There MUST be a beginning in our acceptance of the person of Christ* *Our motivations are not abstract*
5. *There MUST be a beginning in our regeneration of the Spirit of Christ* *Our salvation is not abstract*

1) “Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, 2) set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised 3) beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning 4) his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was 5) declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,” (Romans 1:1–4, ESV)

- The work of the Lord is championed by all who announce His coming *We cannot ignore His call on our lives, we must devote all we have to the message*

As it is written (Perf.Pas.Ind) in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold (Aor.Act.Impv), I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,

- *The Lord was clear; we are all His messengers – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”” (Acts 1:8, ESV)*

- The work of the Lord calls God’s people to prepare *We cannot be apathetic to Christ’s rule, we must prepare*

the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare (Aor.Act.Impv) the way of the Lord, make (Pres.Act.Impv) his paths straight,’ ”

- *Though temporal; we are being made fit for the eternal - “He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way.*
- *Though unbelieving; we are granted belief - He who comes from heaven is above all. He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true.*
- *Though fading; we are granted eternal regeneration - For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.*
- *Though utterly lost; we are given salvation - Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.” (John 3:31–36, ESV)*

*****How Do I Receive The Regeneration Of Christ’s Spirit? ****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will you truly be prepared for the coming of Christ our Lord.

2. There Has Only Ever Been One Purpose; Be Changed By The Glorious Spirit Of Christ, (vs. 4 - 8)
3. There Has Only Ever Been One Profession; Be Found In The Glorious Savior, Jesus Christ, (vs. 9 - 11)
4. There Has Only Ever Been One Protection; Be Sheltered By The Glorious Sustainer, (vs. 12 - 13)