

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

The Beginning of the Gospel

Mark 1:1

PASTOR'S PRAYER

O GOD, Your main plan, and the end of your will is to make Christ glorious and beloved in heaven where He is now ascended, where one day all the elect will behold His glory and love and glorify him forever. Though here we love him but little, may this be our portion at last. In this world you have given us a beginning, one day it will be perfected in the realm above. You have helped us to see and know Christ, though obscurely, to take him, receive him, to possess him, love him, to bless him in our hearts, mouths, and in our lives.

Let us study and stand for discipline, and all the ways of worship, out of love for Christ; and to show our thankfulness; to seek and know His will from love, to hold it in love, and daily to care for and keep this state of heart.

You have led us to place all our nature and happiness in oneness with Christ, in having heart and mind centred only on Him, in being like Him in communicating good to others; This is our heaven on earth, But we need the force, energy, impulses of your Spirit to carry us on the way to our Jerusalem.

Here, it is our duty to be as Christ in this world, to do what He would do, to live as He would live, to walk in love and meekness; then would He be known, then would we have peace in death. Amen & Amen ^(Valley of Vision)

OUTLINE

1. The Man ~ Mark
2. The Message ~ the Gospel
3. The Messiah ~ Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Central Textual Truth

Mark calls the church to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to receive the gospel and be disciples of Jesus Christ.