

Introduction to Mark:
The Forerunner

Mark 1: 1-3

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In the Bible, Salvation means being delivered from sin and its consequences through faith in Jesus Christ



✓ JUSTIFICATION

Declared righteous by faith alone

Being justified freely by His grace..."



✚ SANCTIFICATION

Set apart to walk in **truth**

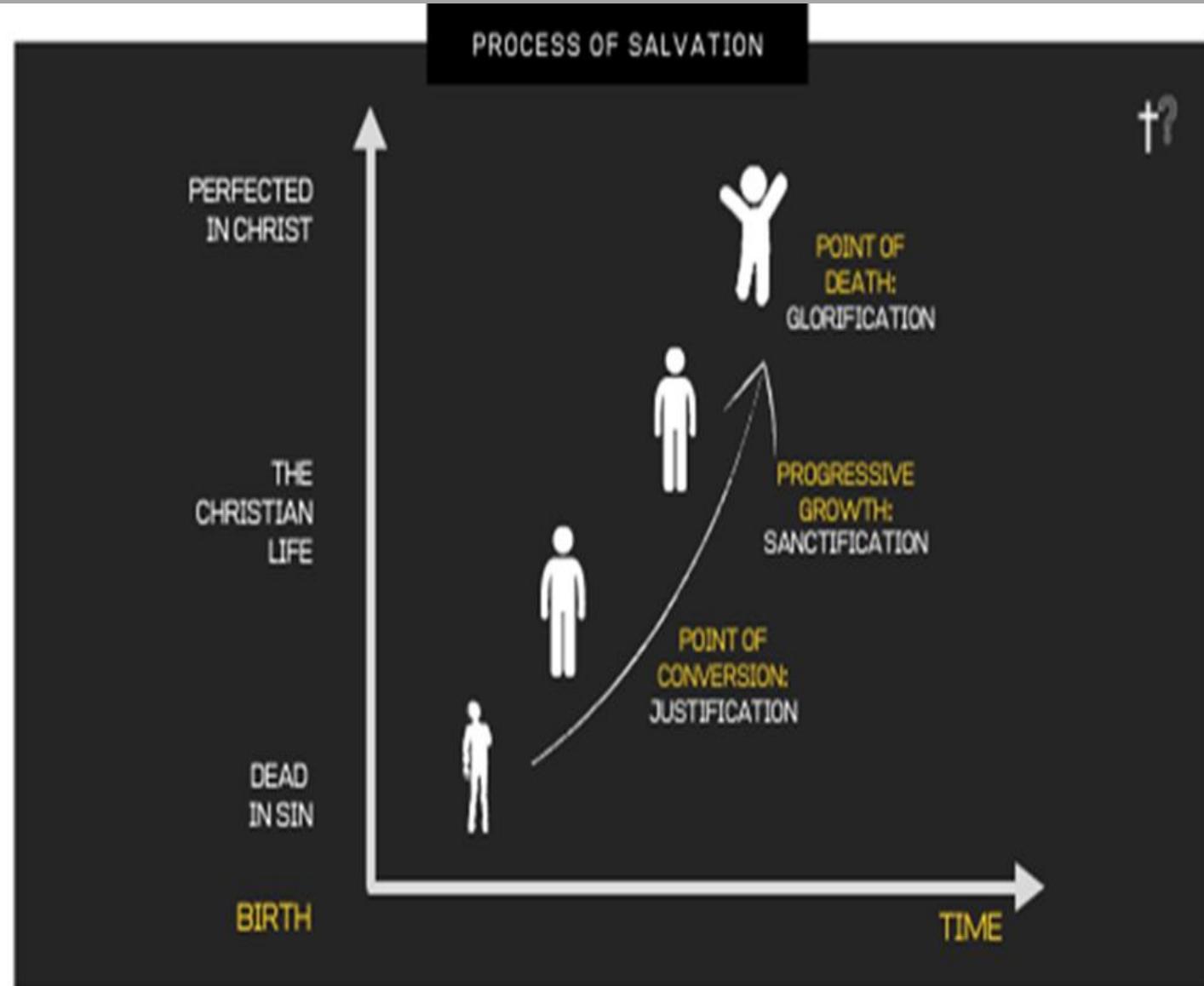
This is the will of God, your sanctification..."



👑 GLORIFICATION

Perfect forever in Christ

We shall also bear the image of the heavenly."



Salvation is understood as deliverance from God's wrath through faith in Jesus Christ

Purpose for writing: For Christian readers to endure suffering and persecution for their faith effectively

Verse 1

The Gospel of Jesus

Gospel means “Good News”

Gospel = “*euaggelion*” = originally a reward for good news, later becoming the good news itself

For Christians, it is the good news of the Kingdom of God and salvation through Jesus Christ

What might Mark be referring to here, “*the beginning of the gospel*”?

Beginning = “*arche*” = Christ is called the beginning because He is the efficient cause of the creation

John 1: 1 - “*In the beginning was the Word*”

Word = “*logos*” = divine reason, mind; the ultimate reason that controls all things; the entirety of God’s written Word, logic and divine message

Rhema = a single, spoken, or acted upon word delivered;
utterances from Scripture (*individual verses*)

Jesus is the beginning of all things, including the beginning of the Gospel = *the Good News of Salvation*

The focal point of the Bible is the coming Messiah, the Son of God and the Son of man

The Eternal Son became a man, to live as a man, suffer as a man, feel the disappointment of life as a man, to feel rejection as a man and to die as a man

Jesus Messiah is fully God and fully man – this is termed
“hypostatic union”

Question: "What is the hypostatic union?"

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- Answer: The hypostatic union is the term used to describe how God the Son, Jesus Christ, took on a human nature, yet remained fully God at the same time. ... Jesus' two natures, human and divine, are inseparable. ... In summary, the hypostatic union teaches that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine, that there is no mixture or dilution of either nature, and that He is one united Person, forever.

JESUS = “*Yeshua*” = YHWH is salvation

His very name reveals who He is = *YHWH in flesh and bone!*

YHWH = *the self-existent “I AM” –THE ETERNAL PRESENCE*

CHRIST = Messiah = “*Mashiach*” = the Anointed One

Anointed means set apart for a special purpose; all believers are anointed (*set apart for a purpose*)

DOCETISM

- Belief that Jesus only seemed to have a physical body and to physically die.
- But in reality he was incorporeal, a pure spirit, and hence could not physically die.



The above is the current definition of “docetism,” with the false emphasis on “seemed” (see text).

“Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh; any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist!”

(2 Jn 7; cf. 1 Jn 4:2–3)

Those truly born again, (*having the Holy Spirit's anointing*) protects you from deception and lies of the enemy,

- *if you are in His Word and growing!*
- **baby Christians are fodder for deception!**

Verse 2 - 3

The messenger introduces YHWH to the world

What will the messenger do?

Prepare the way of the Lord; prepare a non-believing, apostate Israel to hear Messiah

John's message was a message of repentance (*metanoia*), a change of mind from evil to good

What is the wilderness?

A place of spiritual barrenness

America is the wilderness (*is barren*) and is running from God to anything but God

America has lost its God-conscience; you are living in the wilderness!

In this barren land, you are a voice crying in the wilderness, you are an ambassador of Messiah – 2 Corinthians 5: 20

“Prepare the way of the LORD” = YHWH

This is referring to Jesus Messiah

This is an unmistakable declaration that Jesus Messiah, the Son of God, the Son of man, is none other than YHWH – **GOD ALMIGHTY – *a strong declaration of Deity!***

John was getting people ready for Messiah’s return, and we are to get people ready for Messiah’s return

Closing:

DO YOUR JOB!

Stay on mission – Don't get distracted!

MEN AND WOMEN OF GRIT:

Stay on mission, don't get distracted, and stay connected

Distractions are everywhere; technology will see to that!

**Men and women of God, *men and women of grit*, you are a voice
in the wilderness**

Don't be intimidated by this world screaming and yelling

The louder they get, the more *FEARFUL* they are!



You have something they fear - ***HOLY SPIRIT GRIT!***

Grit | *Noun*

COURAGE, bravery, pluck, mettle, backbone, spirit, strength of character, strength of will, moral fiber, steel, nerve, fortitude, toughness, hardiness, resolve, resolution, determination, tenacity, perseverance, endurance; informal: guts, spunk.

GRIT
don't
QUIT

DO YOUR JOB!

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DON'T GET DISTRACTED

STAY CONNECTED!

THE KING IS COMING!!!