

THIS WE BELIEVE
(Survey of Mark 1)

Lu. 1:1; Acts 1:1; Mk.1

1. A DECLARATION OF THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE MOST SURELY BELIEVED AMONG US (Lu. 1:1).
 1. The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach" (Acts 1:1).
 2. "...and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Pet. 3:15).
 3. Lu. 1:1, 3-4 - *"Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us...It seemed good to me also having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed."*

2. THIS WE BELIEVE (Mark 1).
 1. Ministry of preparation (A prophetic voice).
 1. Voice of one crying in the wilderness.
 2. Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
 3. This is Elijah which was to come.
 2. Repentance (confession of sins) for remission of sins.
 1. Bringing forth fruit meet for repentance.
 2. Turning things around.
 3. Doctrine of baptisms.
 1. Water.
 2. Holy Spirit.

4. Voice from heaven (God speaks to men).
 1. My sheep know my voice.
 2. Gifts of the Spirit (Gifts of utterance).
5. The Holy Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.
 1. Fasting, training, discipline, boot camp.
 2. Temptation comes from Satan.
 3. Ministry of angels.
6. Preaching the gospel of the kingdom.
 1. Gospel of power, dominion, and authority.
 2. If I by the finger of God cast out devils, then the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.
 3. Gospel of the kingdom to be preached in all the world before the end.
7. Becoming fishers of men (evangelism).
8. Forsook their nets and followed him (discipleship).
 1. Take up cross and follow Him daily.
 2. He that is not willing to forsake all is not worthy of me.
9. Authoritative teaching (not as scribes).
10. Supernatural ministry.
 1. Casting out devils and unclean spirits.
 2. Healing the sick.
11. Ministry of prayer.
12. Ministry of compassion (Laying on of hands).
13. Offering of sacrifices (testimony to priest).
14. Publishing the Word, and blazing abroad the matter (missions).

Treatise (tret' is) - A formal, systematic article or book on some subject, esp. a discussion of facts, evidence, or principles and the conclusions based on these.