

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PETER

I Pet. 2:24

I. Relationship of Peter and Mark.

A. Mark's gospel contains eye and ear witness accounts of the life of Christ.

1. vivid and dramatic narratives.
2. Mark was not one of the twelve
3. no reason to believe that he was an eye witness to many of the events which he has recorded

B. mention of Peter in Mark's gospel:

1. 16:7 - "tell his disciples and Peter."
2. added 5:37; 1:36; 11:20; 13:3 - omitted some places.

C. Scriptures linking Peter and Mark.

1. Acts 12:12 - when Peter got out of prison he went naturally to Mark's mother's house in Jlem.
2. 1 Peter 5:13: "the church that is in Babylon... saluteth you, & so doth Marcus my son."

D. In II Peter 1:15 Peter seems to promise to leave a ^{written} gospel record after his death.

E. Irenaeus, a great church father, ~~promised~~ ^{called} Mark "the disciple and interpreter of Peter."

F. Mark's gospel may well be called "the Gospel according to Peter."

II. Yet Peter has the gospel in his Epistles.

A. Especially I Peter. 2:24 - Gospel Drama

B. Who?

1. Christ the sinless son of God
2. "His own self" - not another.

C. What?

1. Bore our sins in His own body.
2. substitution stated here

D. Where? - on the tree

E. Why? - that we should live.

1. we were dead in sins
2. that we should live unto righteousness.

Conclusion: The folly of trusting in the power of a great ^{example} only new birth in the soul comes from death to life.