

# The Church Is Prepared for Ministry

Acts 1

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Some may call it coincidence, but it is better identified as providence—God aligning the events of our lives so that we are prepared for our present situation. As Luke records the Acts of the Apostles, he reveals three ways the Lord prepared His disciples for their role in ministry.

I. P\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 4-11)

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But the One who is coming after me is more powerful than I... He Himself will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Matthew 3:11

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world is unable to receive because it doesn’t see Him or know Him. But you do know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.” John 14:16-18

“... there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...” Revelation 7:9

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” Matthew 28:19-20

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” Luke 21:27

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II. P\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 12-14)

“... and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had come out; <sup>3</sup>Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward; Susanna; and many others who were supporting them from their possessions.” Luke 8:2-3

“Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2

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"If I had been aware of malice in my heart, the Lord would not have listened." Psalm 66:18

III. P\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 15-17, 20-26)

“Make their fortification desolate; may no one live in their tents.” Psalm 69:25

“Let his days be few; let another take over his position.” Psalm 109:8

“And He personally gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the training of the saints in the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God’s Son, growing into a mature man with a stature measured by Christ’s fullness.”

Ephesians 4:11-13

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