

The Church Is...

Acts 29

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Literature instructors have taught us that when we read a story, we should expect the plot to be developed and conflict resolved. However, popular novel series have demonstrated that unresolved conflict and the need to more fully develop a plot will help the author sell his next novel. When we get to the end of Acts 28, we are left wondering “What’s next?” The end of the book should help us realize that we are also part of the story. We are part of the Church and **The Church Is...**

I. G_____ a M_____
(Acts 1:8)

“Then Jesus came near and said to them, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”
Matthew 28:18-20

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II. F _____ O _____
(Acts 14:20-21)

“Those who are persecuted for righteousness are blessed, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs. ¹¹You are blessed when they insult and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of Me. ¹²Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Matthew 5:10-12

“For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens.” Ephesians 6:12

“Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!’ ... ¹⁷And Jesus responded, ^{18b}‘... on this rock I will build My church, and the forces of Hades will not overpower it.’” Matthew 16:16-17a, 18b

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III. L _____ to F _____
(Acts 23:11)

“This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world as a testimony to all nations. And then the end will come.”

Matthew 24:13

“He who testifies about these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming quickly.’ Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!” Revelation 22:20

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