

# A Note on Acts 1

Have I beaten chapter one of Acts sufficiently?

Here were the fundamentals of the church:

1. We have a mission.
2. That mission is the Preaching of the Gospel.  
The message of the incarnation,  
substitution,  
and sufficiency of Christ.
3. The means will be the power of the Holy Spirit.
4. The map or scope of the church will be the ends of the earth.
5. The authority of the church will be the 12 eye-witnesses.
6. Prayer will be the initial responsibility of the church.
7. And those who pray are family, closer to Christ than His physical family.
8. ...and they are a people baptized into the life of God and are members of the kingdom of God which has begun in the church...
9. ...but will be consummated in the return of Christ to Israel.
10. Its leadership must be...
  - a. Fundamental or Apostolic in **doctrine**.
  - b. Solid in morality or **obedience**.
  - c. And faithful for a **proven period of time**.
  - d. That **God shall designate** and raise up.

This is the church. This is the compass that the church maintains amidst the winds and pressures of the world.