



“The Authentic Church” - Part 1

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Introduction – *The book of the Acts of the Apostles is the history of earliest Christianity. In it we find the birth of the Church of Jesus Christ and what characterized it. Today we will look at the first two characteristics of an authentic Church.*

I. Appoint_____.

A. The foundation - Acts 2:42.

B. The practice - Acts 14:23.

Pastors (poimen) - Shepherds

Overseers (episkopos)

Elders (presbuteron)

B. Qualifications: (I Timothy 3:1-7)

C. Paul clearly defines the role of elders.
(Acts 20:28)

1. Overseers who lead.

2. Shepherds who feed, nurture and protect the church body.

II. Focus on_____.

A. The authentic Church of Jesus Christ, recognizes that the Church belongs to Jesus.

B. The authentic Church of Jesus Christ serves the interests of Jesus Christ.

C. Paul served the Ephesians with humility and tears (20:19).

Conclusion.