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Point: In the book of Acts we see the church founded and we see it flourish. We see a common theme or purpose for the church of Christ:

It all comes down to this: The purpose of the church, of believers joined together as a body, is edification of the saints, the evangelization the world and the exaltation of God.

Acts 21-28

Pauls journey to Jerusalem. Paul's persecution and arrest. Paul's journey to Rome.

I.The Edification of The Saints

Edification: the instruction or improvement of a person morally or intellectually

Acts 21:1-14

Acts 21: 15-19

Acts 21:20-26

Acts 28:28-31

Colossians 1:28

We proclaim him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-15

11 And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, 13 until we all reach

unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness. 14 Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques

of deceit. 15 But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ.

II. The Evangelization of the World

Matthew 28:19-20

18 Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of[e] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember,[f] I am with you always,[g] to the end of the age

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 22:6-21 Paul's Testimony

Acts 26:12-23 Paul's Testimony

Acts 28:7-10 Paul's ministry on Malta

Acts 28:23-24 Paul witnesses

Acts 28:28-31 Paul's witness and ministry

III. The Exaltation of God

Ephesians 1:12

so that we who had already put our hope in Christ might bring praise to his glory.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race,[a][b] a royal priesthood,[c] a holy nation,[d] a people for his possession,[e] so that you may proclaim the praises[f][g] of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Acts 21:20

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