

# Ministers in the Church

by Clement of Rome

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of scriptural basis and qualifications for church leaders, highlighting the apostolic appointment and the role of bishops and deacons.*

**Scripture:** Isaiah 60:17, Acts 1:8, Acts 6:3, 1 Corinthians 14:40, 1 Peter 1:3

**Topics:** "Church Leadership", "Apostolic Succession"

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## Description

Clement of Rome emphasizes the orderly appointment of the apostles by Christ and their subsequent preaching of the Gospel, following the will of God. He highlights the assurance received through the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, leading them to proclaim the imminent kingdom of God. The apostles, guided by the Spirit, established bishops and deacons among the believers, a practice rooted in Scripture and foretold in ancient times.

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## Transcript

The apostles have preached the Gospel to us from the Lord Jesus Christ; Jesus Christ [has done so] from God. Christ therefore was sent forth by God, and the apostles by Christ. Both these appointments, then, were made in an orderly way, according to the will of God. Having therefore received their orders, and being fully assured by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and established in the word of God, with full assurance of the Holy Ghost, they went forth proclaiming that the kingdom of God was at hand.

And thus preaching through countries and cities, they appointed the first-fruits [of their labours], having first proved them by the Spirit, to be bishops and deacons of those who should afterwards believe.

Nor was this any new thing, since indeed many ages before it was written concerning bishops and deacons. For thus says the Scripture a certain place, "I will appoint their bishops in righteousness, and their deacons in faith."

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