

## "The First Day: A View of the Church Age"

Text: John 20:19-23

Scripture reading: I Corinthians 2

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**I. A presentation with peace** - vv. 19-21a  
(Rom. 5:1, 8:1; Rev. 5:6)

**II. A calling with power** - vv. 12b-22  
(Matt. 28:18-20; Jn. 16:7, 6:69; I Cor. 2:10-12)

**III. A ministry with authority** - vs. 23  
(Mark 2:1-11; Acts 10:43; Matt. 18:18-20)

**Conclusion:**

1) Peace \_\_\_\_\_; Peace \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Phil. 4:8-9)

2) Spirit \_\_\_\_\_; Spirit \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Eph. 4:11-16)

3) Forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_; Forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Rom. 6:15-17)

*"If we could sin more than He could pardon, then we might have some reason to despair."  
-Richard Sibbes*

**Sermon quotes:**

Leon Morris,

*"The church is not a group of religiously minded busybodies, anxious to interfere in other people's lives and turn them into replicas of themselves. It is a group of people who have been saved by Christ's saving death and resurrection and who, on the basis of that death and resurrection, have been commissioned to bring the message of salvation to sinners everywhere. The powerful act of God that lies behind salvation and brought it about demands that believers should be active everywhere in spreading the gospel."*

John Calvin,

*"The principal design of preaching the Gospel is, that men may be reconciled to God, and this is accomplished by the unconditional pardon of sins."*