

# PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

## Mark 1:9-13

At Jesus' Baptism three demonstrations: (9-11)

1. Heavens torn open

*"Part your heavens, O Lord, and come down..."*

Psalm 144:5

2. Dove descended upon Jesus

Dove is a symbol of peace and gentleness.

*"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you."*

John 14:27a

3. Voice/Pronouncement

Message: God equips those whom He calls to minister.

How does God equip His disciples?

1. Heavens Parted = Presence of God.

We must serve with God's approval.

*"Commit to the Lord, whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."*

Proverbs 16:3

2. Dove = Holy Spirit.

To serve God we must wait for His power.

*"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..."*

Acts 1:4b -8

3. Pronouncement – His blessing.

His anointing grants His authority

*"...God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every name knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

Philippians 2:9