

# The NT Church

# Church in the OT

- Throne of David to be **everlasting** (Isa. 9:7; Dan. 2:44ff / II Pet. 1:11).
- **King** of everlasting Kingdom to be of the seed of David (II Sam. 7:12ff / Lk. 1:30-33).
- Would be established when new covenant **law** came forth out of Jerusalem (Isa. 2:2-4 / Acts 2).
- Church would come with **power** and during the life time of some who were alive during the ministry of Jesus (Mk. 9:1 / Acts 2:1ff).
- The Acts 2 Pentecost proves to be the "**latter days**" Daniel spoke of in Dan. 2:28 / Acts 3:24.

# Purpose of the Church

- To make known the **wisdom of God** to heaven and earth (Eph. 3:10-11).
- To provide man with the opportunity to receive the **forgiveness of sins** through the gospel message (Jer. 31:31ff).

# The church in the NT

- *Ekklesia* = “an assembly of the citizens regularly summoned... to call an assembly... in the NT the church, either the body, or the place” (LS 239).
- The church is God’s **kingdom** (I Thess. 2:12).
- The gospel **calls** people to God’s kingdom (assembly) (II Thess. 2:13-14; I Pet. 2:9).
- The **king** of said kingdom is **Jesus** (Col. 1:13).

# Jesus Builds His Church

- Jesus said He would **build** (Matt. 16:13).
- Hebrews 3:1-6 reveals Jesus to be the **architect** of the church.
- The **foundation** of the church is the gospel message (Eph. 2:19-22).
- The **body** of the church is Christ (Eph. 1:22).
- The **head** of the church is Christ (Eph. 5:22).
- The church is built to last for **eternity** (II Pet. 1:11).
- The NT reveals only **one** church (Eph. 4:4).

# The Nature of the NT Church

- The church of Christ is not a social institution (Rom. 14:17).
- The church is not a secular institution to teach math, science, sociology, finance, etc. (Eph. 4:11-13).
- The church is not of this world so why build grand temples (Jn. 18:36; Acts 7:48; 17:24)?
- The kingdom of God is within (Lk. 17:21) [Paul could say that I am with you in Spirit (I Cor. 5)].

# Who Makes up the Church?

- People
- People who have heard and learned the gospel message (Jn. 6:44-45).
- People who have faith (Rom. 10:17).
- People who are willing to repent of sins (Lk. 13:3; Acts 17:30).
- People who confess that Christ is Lord (Jn. 8:24; Rom. 10:9-10).
- People who are baptized (Acts 2:38).
- Said people are added to the Lord's church (Acts 2:41).
- People who live faithfully all the days of their life (Eph. 4:27; Rev. 2:10).

