

Origin of the church

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Introduction

1. Acts 20:28
2. We all need to know these facts beyond any shadow of a doubt
3. There are many attacks against the church both inside and from without
4. We need to be able to identify the church which Jesus purchased and distinguish her from other religious institutions.
5. Let us notice the prophecies of the church
 - a. Since Christ is the head of the body we cannot separate the head from the body Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4
 - b. If one did separate the head from the body, the body would no longer be living.

II Discussion

1. Prophecies concerning Christ
 - a. Genesis 3:15
 - b. Genesis 12:3; Galatians 3:16
 - c. Genesis 49:10; 2 Samuel 7:12-13, 19; Matthew 1:1
 - d. It is important to know these Old Testament prophecies and events for many of them did point to Christ Hebrews 9:11, 23; 10:1
2. Prophecies concerning the church of Christ
 - a. 2 Samuel 7:12-13 kingdom
 - b. Isaiah 2:2-3; Micah 4:1-2
 - i. When - the last days
 - ii. Where - Zion, Jerusalem
 - iii. What - the law - the Lord's house
 - c. Joel 2:28-32
 - i. When – afterwards Acts 2:17
 - ii. What – the Spirit will be poured out
 - iii. Where - Mount Zion in Jerusalem
 - iv. What – whosoever calls shall be delivered it will be a remnant.
 - d. Daniel 2:36-45
 - i. These are kingdoms that shall arise after the kingdom they are now in verse 39
 - ii. Within the fourth world power the God of heaven will set up a kingdom verse 40, 44
 1. Babylonian is the head of fine gold verse 38 ruled from 536 to 606 B.C.
 2. Medo-Persian the silver part of the beast ruled 606 to 330 B.C.
 3. Grecian is the third world kingdom 330 to 146 BC
 4. Roman is the fourth world power 146 BC to 400 AD it is within the days of these kings that the God of heaven will set up His kingdom – this tells us when and what will be established
 - e. Daniel 7:13 -14
 - i. The Son of man would come to the Ancient of days
 - ii. Kingdom will be established then. This is an explicit prophecy as to when the kingdom would be established.

III Conclusion

1. There are New Testament prophecies that we will notice next week
2. This kingdom is very important for it is the Lord's kingdom

3. Some might have us believe that this kingdom was postponed, but with the kind of prophecies that we have seen in this sermon there is no way that can be so.

Sources: Old Sermon preached in Daniel; The New Testament church by Roy E Cogdill