

Origin of the church of Christ

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Introduction

1. 1 Timothy 3:15
2. We are studying the origin of the church.
3. Since Christ only established one church Ephesians 4:4; 1:22-23
4. This is important information and we must know it to find the one true church
5. Last week we found the kingdom in minute detail
6. Let us see what the New Testament prophecies are.

II Discussion

1. It was preached as being at hand
 - a. John the Baptist preached this Matthew 3:1-2
 - b. Jesus preached this also Matthew 4:17
 - c. The apostles were to preach this Matthew 10:7
 - d. The seventy were to preach this Luke 10:1, 9
2. Jesus taught His disciples to pray for it Matthew 6:9-10
3. Jesus' promise Matthew 16:13-19
 - a. Verse 18 Rock
 - b. Will build my church
 - c. Peter had the keys verse 19; all the apostle had the keys Matthew 18:18
 - d. Kingdom = church
4. Some alive then would see the kingdom Mark 9:1
5. Jesus told them what to preach in the kingdom
 - a. Matthew 28:19-20
 - b. Mark 16:15-16
 - c. Luke 24:46-48
 - d. John 20:22-23
6. Jesus told them plainly that it was a spiritual kingdom Luke 17:20-21; John 18:36
7. Some were expecting the kingdom Luke 22:18; Mark 15:43
8. Some had mistaken ideas about the kingdom Luke 19:11; Acts 1:6
9. Jesus tells them plainly when the kingdom would be established Acts 1:7-8
 - a. They would receive power Mark 9:1
 - b. When the power came the Holy Ghost would come Joel 2
 - c. Then the apostles would be the witness beginning in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, then the utter most part of the earth.

III Conclusion

1. These are some of the New Testament prophecies concerning the church
2. Next week we will notice that each one of these prophecies were fulfilled beginning with the Day of Pentecost after the resurrection
3. Are you a part of the kingdom?
4. There is only one place to be saved and that is within the kingdom
5. You can be saved and a part of the kingdom

Sources: Coffman; Boles on Matthew; The New Testament church by Roy Cogdill

How can something be unimportant when Christ bought it with His blood; saved it. Yet many treat it this way even in the church because of what the world says about the joining the church of your choice. The man but not the plan.