

The church of Christ

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Introduction

1. Matthew 16:13-19
2. There is much confusion about the church today
3. We have been told to “join the church of your choice.”
4. Since the Bible is our source of authority in all things religious let us see what it has to say about the matter

II Discussion

1. There is only one church of Christ
 - a. Ephesians 4:4 there is one body!
 - b. Ephesians 1:22-23 This body is the church.
2. The church would be established in the last days Isaiah 2:2-3
 - a. This tells us when
 - b. This passage tells us where the church would begin Jerusalem on Mt. Zion
 - c. This has been fulfilled Acts 2:17; 2:5; 1:4
3. It would be established in the days of “these kings” Daniel 2:44
 - a. The dream and its interpretation Daniel 2:38
 - b. Four world powers were to come into play
 - i. Babylon was the first Daniel 2:38
 - ii. Medo-Persian was second Daniel 5:31
 - iii. The next kingdom is the Grecian – Alexander the Great
 - iv. The last is the Roman kingdom Luke 2:1; Acts 11:28
4. It was preached as being “at hand”
 - a. John the Baptist preached that the kingdom was “at hand.” Matthew 3:2
 - b. Jesus preached the same message Matthew 4:17
5. The kingdom would come during their life time and with power Mark 9:1
 - a. God cannot lie Titus 1:2
 - b. So the kingdom has come or there are people on this earth over 2,000 years old, which do you believe.
 - c. Notice also that this passage says the kingdom would come with power.
 - d. When the Holy Ghost came the power would come Acts 1:5, 7-8
 - e. This happened Acts 2:1-5
6. The church and the kingdom are used interchangeably Matthew 16:13-18
 - a. Jesus said that he would build His church, future tense
 - b. The Rock is Christ the foundation Matthew 7:24-27; 1 Corinthians 10:4
 - c. Peter is the main speaker in Acts 2 and 10
7. The preaching that would be involved in the kingdom Luke 24:46-48
 - a. They were in Jerusalem proven already
 - b. When asked what to do about their sins, the apostles answered with repentance and remission of sins Acts 2:38
8. After Acts 2 the church/kingdom is spoken of as being already in existence
 - a. Revelation 1:9 John was in the kingdom
 - b. We can be translated from the power of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son Colossians 1:13
 - c. Paul was teaching Timothy how to behave in the church 1 Timothy 3:15
 - d. The church was being persecuted Acts 8:1, 4

Conclusion

1. This is the church which Jesus established, there is only one

2. You can be added only to one church Acts 2:47
3. What hinders you from being a part of this church?
4. Come now!

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