

Prairie Grove Church of Christ

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WHEN WAS THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH ESTABLISHED?

Take note of the following dates when various denominations were officially founded: 606, 1521, 1534, 1560, 1607, 1729, 1830, 1831, 1852, 1876, 1880, 1884, 1905, 1908, 1914 and 1919. In addition to these denominations, literally thousands of religious groups have sprung up all across the world, in the last fifty years. **All of these have one thing in common, that being none of them were present when the church was established!**

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said He would "build my church." Notice that is singular (one). He further said He would give unto them "the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Mat. 16:19). Therefore, the church and the kingdom are one and the same. In Mark 9:1 the Lord stated, "That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power." If the kingdom of God is not in existence, then, we have people living that are 2,000 years old!

Luke specifically states when the kingdom (the church) would come into existence. "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of the Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:47-49).

On the first Pentecost following the resurrection of Christ Luke records the fulfillment of Jesus' promise (Mat. 16:18-19; Mk. 9:1; Lu. 24:46-49; Acts 1:3-4,8) as recorded in Acts 2. Upon learning that they had crucified the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, (Acts 2:29-36) "...they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:37-38). Of the massive audience that was present ("devout Jews, out of every nation under heaven" (Acts 2:5), about 3,000 souls were baptized (Acts 2:41), and the Lord added the saved to the church (Acts 2:47) not "a church" as of many, but "the church" (**one**) which Christ said He would build (Mat. 16:18); which was established on the first Pentecost following His resurrection in the city of Jerusalem in 33 A.D. Every convert in the book of Acts, was added to the Lord's church and **not** a denomination! **As a matter of fact, not one denomination was present on the day of Pentecost when the church was established!**

Dear friend, if you will do as did they on the day of Pentecost, the Lord will add you to His church not "the church of Christ denomination," but the church Christ established on the day of Pentecost. Are you a member of the church of Christ?

Sunday Worship 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 P.M.

"The churches of Christ salute you." Romans 16:16

- Ivie Powell III,
Preacher

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UNDERSTANDING THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPHETS

"ISAIAH - PROOF OF DIVINITY AND INSPIRATION"

"I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass" (Isaiah 48:3).

Judah/Israel was called by God's name, but they did not walk in God's ways (v1-2). Therefore, about 150 years before it transpired, God foretold the Babylonian captivity (v3-8). He also promised not to destroy Judah/Israel completely, for His own name's sake (v9-11). He had promised, through Judah/Israel, to bring the Christ and salvation to all mankind, He would not abandon His promise. The Babylonian captivity was necessary to refine, purify, Judah/Israel (v10). Babylon is a necessary evil wrought by the hand of God in behalf of His people (v12-15). Had Judah/Israel harkened unto the voice of their Lord, it would not have been necessary to refine them through captivity (v16-19). After they are purified, God will again lead them out and bless them, that He might fulfill His promise in the coming of the Messiah, the sinless sacrificial Lamb, who would pay the price of sin for all men and usher in eternal salvation (v20-22).

God's Divinity, and the inspiration of His word, was proven by His ability to foretell future events long before they transpired (Isaiah 48:3, above). The same is true of the miraculous gifts of the first century. The miraculous gifts were not given for the purpose of healing sick people in the church. We know this to be true because Paul wrote to Timothy, "Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick" (2nd Timothy 4:20). Paul himself suffered from an infirmity in the flesh, for which he sought healing thrice, yet was denied healing, "... there was given me a thorn in the flesh ... For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness ..." (2nd Corinthians 12:7-9). If miracles existed for the healing of sick members in the church, then Paul and Erastus would have been healed, and none of these members would have died.

Miracles were to confirm that both, message and messenger was God sent. Peter affirms this fact in addressing the Pentecostal multitude, "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know" (Acts 2:22). The Hebrew writer tells us again that these gifts were given to confirm, in the absence of the written word, that what the apostles and prophets spake and wrote, that it was the word of God, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with diverse miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will" (Hebrews 2:3-4). The purpose of miracles was to confirm the word of God in the absence of written revelation.

After the perfect (complete - Strong) revelation was given, the things in part would end, "Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect (complete - Strong) is come, then that which is in part shall be done away" (1st Corinthians 13:8-10). When revelation ended, so did the need for confirmation of revelation, thus the miraculous gifts ended, having fulfilled their intended purpose.

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