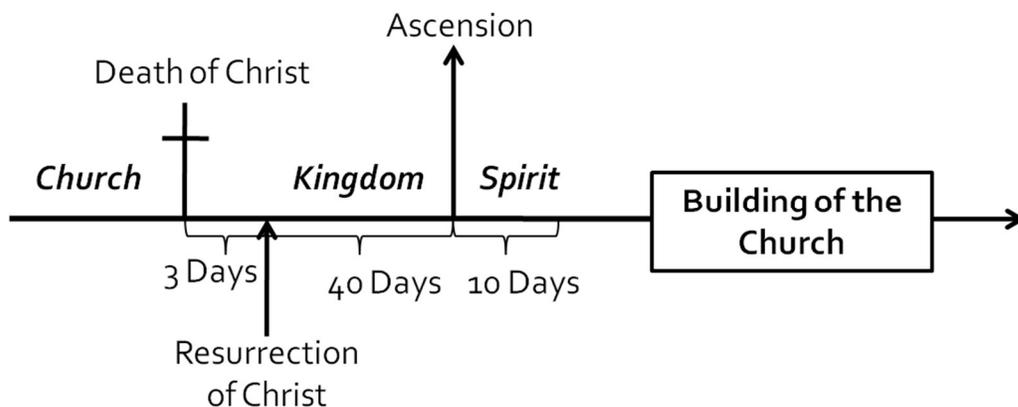


The Local Church in Acts: The People of The Way

(18) And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (19) I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 16:18–19, ESV)

The church did not exist in Old Testament times but was constituted on the Day of Pentecost. It is distinct to this present time in history.

1. When Jesus said: "I will _____ My church" (Matt. 16:18). He did not say that He would continue to add to something already in existence, but that He would do something not yet begun. It was new. It was going to be a new way.
2. The church could have no functioning Head until after the resurrection of Christ; therefore, it could not exist until sometime after He rose from the dead (Eph. 1:20-23).
3. The church could not have been an operating entity with functioning spiritual gifts until after Christ's ascension (Eph. 4:7-12).



4. The mystery of the one body was unknown in the Old Testament (Eph. 3:5-6; Col. 1:26).

Acts 1 - 7 is the promise of Matthew 16:18 that Jesus will build His church.

Characteristics of the Local Church in Acts - The blueprint for The Way Ministries

A church exists for a purpose—to do God’s will. This includes several things: observing the ordinances, evangelizing, building up believers, worship, giving, ministering to all age groups, etc.

1. A _____ church, Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8, ESV)

2. A _____ church, Acts 1:14

(14) All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Acts 1:14, ESV)

3. A _____ church, Acts 1:14; 2:1

(1) When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. (Acts 2:1, ESV)

4. A Spirit-filled church, Acts 2:-4; 4:31

(2) And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. (3) And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:2-4, ESV)

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:31, ESV)

5. A church with the _____ of the Holy Spirit, 1 Corinthians 12,14

6. A _____ church, Acts 2:42

(42) And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42, ESV)

7. A reverent church, Acts 2:43

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9. A _____ church, Acts 2:44-45

(44) And all who believed were together and had all things in common. (45) And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. (Acts 2:44-45, ESV)

10. A gathering together church, Acts 2:46

(46) And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts. (Acts 2:46, ESV)

11. A _____ church, Acts 2:42 & 46

(42) And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (46) And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts. (Acts 2:42 & 46, ESV)

12. A _____ church, Acts 2:46

(46) And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts. (Acts 2:46, ESV)

13. A _____ church, Acts 2:47

(47) praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47, ESV)

14. A _____ church, Acts 2:47-48

(46) And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, (47) praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2:46-47, ESV)

15. A _____ church, Acts 1:8

(8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8, ESV)

16. A _____ and _____ church, Acts 2:47

“(47) praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:47, ESV)

The invitation is of great importance. No one is getting saved unless they hear the gospel and are given an opportunity to believe.

17. A missionary _____ church, Acts 13:1-6; 15:36

(1) Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. (2) While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” (3) Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. (4) So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. (5) When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. (6) When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. (Acts 13:1-6, ESV)

18. A leadership _____ and equipping church, Acts 4,11,13,15

19. A society penetrating church, Acts 17:6

(6) And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also. (Acts 17:6, ESV)

20. A church with _____ and _____, Acts 6:1-7; 14:23; 16:1-10; 16:4