

THE CHURCH - THE KINGDOM

- * Church = Ekklesia (Gk) "The called out." Col 1:13-14
- 1. Ek - out of
- 2. Kaleo - to call or summon
- 3. Called from kingdom of Satan into kingdom of Christ by obeying gospel.
- 4. The true church is the one that obeys Christ. Heb 5:8, Matt 7:21, Jn 17:17
 - a. In our worship.
 - b. In our lives.

ISAIAH'S PROPHECY AND THE CHURCH

- I. Isaiah 2:2-4 The Lord's House promised to be established.
(Lord's house = the church. I Tim 3:15)
- II. Description of events and when they would happen.
 - 1. Last Days. (Christ brought in last days - Heb 1:1-2)
 - 2. Mountain of Lord's house. (Denotes strength and beauty - I Tim 3:15)
 - 3. Top of the Mountain. (In view of all- Acts 2 all nations present)
 - 4. Exalted above hills. (Position of prominence)
 - 5. All nations flow into it. (Not just for Jews but for all obedient)
 - 6. God's law taught. (No human creeds - bible only, Jas 1:25)
 - 7. God's law would rebuke. (Removes sin - II Tim 3:16)
 - 8. Happen in Jerusalem. (Acts 2, see fulfillment below)
 - 9. Obedient would be peaceful. (Christians not to render evil for evil)
- III. John the Baptist prepares way for Christ. (Beginning of last days)
 - 1. Preached and baptized unto repentance. Matt 3:2
- IV. Jesus came preaching the Kingdom.
 - 1. At hand, very near. Mark 1:14
 - 2. Was about to be ushered in.
- V. Church and Kingdom are synonymous concepts. Matt 16:18
 - 1. Basically the same in meaning.
 - 2. Kingdom of God can refer to all obedient of every age. Lk 13:28
 - 3. May think of Kingdom as church w/o doing injustice to concept.
 - 4. Peter given keys to the kingdom. (keys open doors)
 - a. Peter preached on Pentecost thus opening doors. (Acts 2, Rom 1:16)
 - b. Peter first proclaimed risen Christ. Still can use keys today.
- VI. John the Baptist not part of the kingdom - church.
 - 1. Matt 14 John killed.
 - 2. Matt 16 Jesus makes his promise. See also Matt 11:11
- VII. Church would come in Apostles life time. Matt 16:28, Mk 9:1
 - * Any church which cannot trace its beginning back to the apostle's time is not the true church. Any church which does not obey the Bible is not the true church. God expects total obedience.
- VIII. Kingdom came with power. Apostles receive power. Luke 24:44-53, Acts 1:8
- IX. Church established in Jerusalem. Is 2:3, Lk 24:47, Acts 2
- X. All Isaiah foretold came to pass in Acts 2.