

The Church of the Bible

The Coming of the Church

Introduction:

1. The church was planned.
2. The church was prophesied.
3. The church was promised.
4. Then, the church was established.

I. The Church Planned

- A. Paul told the Christians at Ephesus that God had chosen them before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:3-6).
- B. This means that God had a plan for the church from the beginning.
- C. In fact, the church is His eternal purpose (Eph. 3:8-12).
- D. Thus, the church must not be viewed as insignificant or unimportant.

II. The Church Prophesied

- A. Isaiah 2 – The Lord's house beginning at Jerusalem (vs. 1-4)
- B. Daniel 2 – An indestructible kingdom in the days of Rome (vs. 44)
- C. Joel 2 – Involving the power of the Holy Spirit (vs. 28-29)
- D. Acts 2 – The fulfillment and the establishment of the church

III. The Church Promised

- A. The promise to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3; Gal. 3:26-29)
- B. The promise of John (Matt. 3:1-17)
- C. The promise of Jesus (Matt. 16:18-19; Mark 9:1)
- D. The promise of salvation included the establishment of the church.
 1. Amos 9:11-12 → Acts 15:13-18
 2. Isaiah 49:6 → Acts 13:46-49
 3. Isaiah 66:18-24 → 1 Peter 2:9-10
 4. Ephesians 2:11-17