

## The New Testament Church

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2	<p><b><u>Acts 8:4</u></b> Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.</p> <p><b><u>Acts 8:12</u></b> But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.</p> <p><b><u>Acts 15:35</u></b> But Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and preaching with many others also, the word of the Lord.</p>
3	<p><b><u>Acts 9:15</u></b> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;</p> <p><b><u>Acts 9:20-22</u></b> 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." 21 All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, "Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and who had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" 22 But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the Christ.</p> <p><b><u>Acts 17:1-4</u></b> 1 Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ." 4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women.</p> <p><b><u>Acts 18:4</u></b> And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.</p>

4	<p><b><u>Acts 11:19-26</u></b> <b>19</b> So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone. <b>20</b> But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. <b>21</b> And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord. <b>22</b> The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. <b>23</b> Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord; <b>24</b> for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord. <b>25</b> And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul; <b>26</b> and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.</p>
5	<p><b><u>Acts 9:26-28</u></b> <b>26</b> When he came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. <b>27</b> But Barnabas took hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. <b>28</b> And he was with them, moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord.</p>
6 ↓	<p><b><u>Acts 15:41</u></b> And he was traveling through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.</p> <p><b><u>Acts 16:5</u></b> So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily.</p> <p><b><u>Romans 16:16</u></b> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.</p> <p><b><u>Acts 8:3</u></b> But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.</p> <p><b><u>Acts 12:12</u></b> And when he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.</p> <p><b><u>Acts 16:15, 40</u></b> <b>15</b> And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us. ... <b>40</b> They went out of the prison and entered the house of Lydia, and when they saw the brethren, they encouraged them and departed.</p>

↑ 6	<p><b><u>Acts 20:20</u></b> ...how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house,</p> <p><b><u>Romans 16:5</u></b> ...also greet the church that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia.</p> <p><b><u>1 Corinthians 16:19</u></b> The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Prisca greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.</p> <p><b><u>Colossians 4:15</u></b> Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea and also Nympha and the church that is in her house.</p>
7a	<p><b><u>Ephesians 1:22</u></b> And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,</p> <p><b><u>Colossians 1:18</u></b> He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.</p> <p><b><u>Acts 7</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Acts 12:1-2</u></b> 1 Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church in order to mistreat them. 2 And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword.</p> <p><b><u>Acts 14:21-23</u></b> 21 After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." 23 When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.</p>
7b ↓	<p><b><u>Acts 5:1-11</u></b> 1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, 2 and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? 4 "While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." 5 And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came over all who heard of it. 6 The young men got up and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him.</p>

**Acts 5:1-11 (cont'd)**

7 Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

8 And Peter responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?" And she said, "Yes, that was the price."

9 Then Peter said to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out as well."

10 And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

11 And great fear came over the whole church, and over all who heard of these things.

**Colossians 3:9**

Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,

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**1 Corinthians 5:1-6**

1 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.

2 You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.

3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?

**Acts 6:1-7**

1 Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food.

2 So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables.

3 "Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.

4 "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

5 The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.

6 And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.

7 The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

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7d	<p><b><u>Acts 15:1</u></b> Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."</p> <p><b><u>Acts 15:5</u></b> But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses."</p> <p><b><u>Acts 15:28-29</u></b> <b>28</b> "For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials: <b>29</b> that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell."</p> <p><b><u>Acts 16:4-5</u></b> <b>4</b> Now while they were passing through the cities, they were delivering the decrees which had been decided upon by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem, for them to observe. <b>5</b> So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily.</p>
7e	<p><b><u>Galatians 3:26-29</u></b> <b>26</b> For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <b>27</b> For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <b>28</b> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <b>29</b> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.</p>
7f	<p><b><u>Romans 8:35</u></b> <b>35</b> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?</p> <p><b><u>Romans 12:14</u></b> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.</p> <p><b><u>1 Corinthians 4:12</u></b> ...and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure;</p>