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What is the church of Christ?

In [Matthew 16:18](#), Jesus promised to build a church. In [Acts 2:47](#), Luke tells us that people were being added to that church. Thus, we can conclude that Jesus built His church sometime between His promise in Matthew 16 and Luke's statement in Acts 2. Indeed, a closer study of the events in Acts 2 reveals that the Lord's church was established on that first day of Pentecost following the Lord's resurrection.

WELCOME TO OUR TOTALLY REDESIGNED WEB SITE!

We have just completed a total redesign of our Web site to make it easier to use and easier to maintain. You can navigate using the pull-down menus at the top of the screen or the drop-down menus to the left of the screen. Each page includes [God's Plan of Salvation](#) at the bottom along with important information in the left and right sidebars. As we celebrate our tenth anniversary, we want to thank the thousands of readers who visit [ThyWordsIsTruth.com](#) each month and the many who have written to express their appreciation. Your encouragement keeps us going! Thanks!

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Saved by Works?
The Bible teaches very clearly that salvation occurs at the point of baptism and not before. (Acts 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21, Romans 6:4) To deny that fact is to deny scripture. But does that mean we are saved by works? Hardly! Hebrews 11:7 tells us that Noah built the ark by faith. Did he earn his salvation from the flood by building that ark? Would he have been saved from the flood had he not built that ark? Hebrews 11:7 tells us that 100 years of ark building was faith. How then can anyone seriously label 5 seconds of obedience in baptism a meritorious work? Those who believe they are saved from their sins at their baptism believe so because the Lord said so, and they take him at his word. That is called trust, not self righteousness. Isn't that what Paul said in Titus 3:4-7? Notice in those verses that Paul does not link baptism to our works of righteousness (which do not save) but rather to the mercy of God (which does save). [More...](#)

Baptism in the Bible

Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Mark 16:16

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be de-

We also have special lessons on: Marriage & Divorce, Baptism, The Role of Women in the Church, End Times, Mormonism, Social Drinking & Gambling, Instrumental Music, The Lord's Church, Evolution & Intelligent Design, Forgiveness, the Holy Spirit, the Afterlife, Secular Humanism, Premillennialism and the Rapture, The Restoration Movement, Alleged Contradictions in the Bible, The Christian and the Law, Time and Chance, The New Hermeneutic, God and Politics, Jehovah's Witnesses, Islam, and Muhammad.

Read the Bible in 2011!

A 52-Week, Balanced, Parallel Daily Bible Reading Schedule

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1 | ○ Gen 1-3 | ○ Deu 1-2 | ○ 1 Sam 1-3 | ○ Job 1-5 | ○ Jer 1-3 | ○ Mat 1-3 | ○ Acts 1-3 |
| 2 | ○ Gen 4-7 | ○ Deu 3-4 | ○ 1 Sam 4-6 | ○ Job 6-11 | ○ Jer 4-6 | ○ Mat 4-5 | ○ Acts 4-6 |
| 3 | ○ Gen 8-11 | ○ Deu 5-7 | ○ 1 Sam 7-9 | ○ Job 12-16 | ○ Jer 7-9 | ○ Mat 6-7 | ○ Acts 7-8 |
| 4 | ○ Gen 12-16 | ○ Deu 8-10 | ○ 1 Sam 10-12 | ○ Job 17-21 | ○ Jer 10-13 | ○ Mat 8-9 | ○ Acts 9-10 |
| 5 | ○ Gen 17-19 | ○ Deu 11-12 | ○ 1 Sam 13-14 | ○ Job 22-28 | ○ Jer 14-17 | ○ Mat 10-11 | ○ Acts 11-12 |
| 6 | ○ Gen 20-23 | ○ Deu 13-15 | ○ 1 Sam 15-16 | ○ Job 29-33 | ○ Jer 18-22 | ○ Mat 12 | ○ Acts 13-14 |
| 7 | ○ Gen 24-25 | ○ Deu 16-18 | ○ 1 Sam 17-18 | ○ Job 34-38 | ○ Jer 23-25 | ○ Mat 13 | ○ Acts 15-16 |
| 8 | ○ Gen 26-28 | ○ Deu 19-21 | ○ 1 Sam 19-21 | ○ Job 39-42 | ○ Jer 26-28 | ○ Mat 14-15 | ○ Acts 17-18 |
| 9 | ○ Gen 29-30 | ○ Deu 22-24 | ○ 1 Sam 22-24 | ○ Psa 1-10 | ○ Jer 29-31 | ○ Mat 16-17 | ○ Acts 19-20 |
| 10 | ○ Gen 31-32 | ○ Deu 25-27 | ○ 1 Sam 25-27 | ○ Psa 11-19 | ○ Jer 32-33 | ○ Mat 18-19 | ○ Acts 21-22 |
| 11 | ○ Gen 33-35 | ○ Deu 28 | ○ 1 Sam 28-31 | ○ Psa 20-28 | ○ Jer 34-36 | ○ Mat 20-21 | ○ Acts 23-24 |
| 12 | ○ Gen 36-38 | ○ Deu 29-31 | ○ 2 Sam 1-3 | ○ Psa 29-35 | ○ Jer 37-40 | ○ Mat 22-23 | ○ Acts 25-26 |
| 13 | ○ Gen 39-41 | ○ Deu 32-34 | ○ 2 Sam 4-7 | ○ Psa 36-42 | ○ Jer 41-44 | ○ Mat 24-25 | ○ Acts 27-28 |
| 14 | ○ Gen 42-44 | ○ Joshua 1-3 | ○ 2 Sam 8-11 | ○ Psa 43-50 | ○ Jer 45-48 | ○ Mat 26 | ○ Romans 1-3 |
| 15 | ○ Gen 45-47 | ○ Joshua 4-6 | ○ 2 Sam 12-13 | ○ Psa 51-59 | ○ Jer 49-50 | ○ Mat 27-28 | ○ Romans 4-6 |
| 16 | ○ Gen 48-50 | ○ Joshua 7-8 | ○ 2 Sam 14-15 | ○ Psa 60-68 | ○ Jer 51-52 | ○ Mark 1-2 | ○ Romans 7-9 |
| 17 | ○ Exo 1-4 | ○ Joshua 9-10 | ○ 2 Sam 16-18 | ○ Psa 69-74 | ○ Lam 1-2 | ○ Mark 3-4 | ○ Romans 10-13 |
| 18 | ○ Exo 5-8 | ○ Joshua 11-13 | ○ 2 Sam 19-20 | ○ Psa 75-80 | ○ Lam 3-5 | ○ Mark 5-6 | ○ Romans 14-16 |
| 19 | ○ Exo 9-11 | ○ Joshua 14-17 | ○ 2 Sam 21-22 | ○ Psa 81-88 | ○ Ezekiel 1-5 | ○ Mark 7-8 | ○ 1 Cor 1-3 |
| 20 | ○ Exo 12-14 | ○ Joshua 18-20 | ○ 2 Sam 23-24 | ○ Psa 89-95 | ○ Ezekiel 6-10 | ○ Mark 9 | ○ 1 Cor 4-7 |
| 21 | ○ Exo 15-17 | ○ Joshua 21-22 | ○ 1 Kings 1 | ○ Psa 96-104 | ○ Ezekiel 11-14 | ○ Mark 10-11 | ○ 1 Cor 8-11 |
| 22 | ○ Exo 18-21 | ○ Joshua 23-24 | ○ 1 Kings 2-3 | ○ Psa 105-108 | ○ Ezekiel 15-17 | ○ Mark 12-13 | ○ 1 Cor 12-14 |
| 23 | ○ Exo 22-25 | ○ Judges 1-3 | ○ 1 Kings 4-6 | ○ Psa 109-118 | ○ Ezekiel 18-20 | ○ Mark 14 | ○ 1 Cor 15-16 |
| 24 | ○ Exo 26-28 | ○ Judges 4-6 | ○ 1 Kings 7 | ○ Psa 119 | ○ Ezekiel 21-23 | ○ Mark 15-16 | ○ 2 Cor 1-4 |
| 25 | ○ Exo 29-31 | ○ Judges 7-8 | ○ 1 Kings 8 | ○ Psa 120-133 | ○ Ezekiel 24-27 | ○ Luke 1 | ○ 2 Cor 5-9 |
| 26 | ○ Exo 32-34 | ○ Judges 9-10 | ○ 1 Kings 9-10 | ○ Psa 134-141 | ○ Ezekiel 28-31 | ○ Luke 2 | ○ 2 Cor 10-13 |
| 27 | ○ Exo 35-37 | ○ Judges 11-13 | ○ 1 Kings 11-12 | ○ Psa 142-150 | ○ Ezekiel 32-33 | ○ Luke 3 | ○ Galatians 1-3 |
| 28 | ○ Exo 38-40 | ○ Judges 14-16 | ○ 1 Kings 13-14 | ○ Pro 1-5 | ○ Ezekiel 34-36 | ○ Luke 4-5 | ○ Galatians 4-6 |
| 29 | ○ Lev 1-3 | ○ Judges 17-19 | ○ 1 Kings 15-16 | ○ Pro 6-10 | ○ Ezekiel 37-39 | ○ Luke 6 | ○ Ephesians 1-3 |
| 30 | ○ Lev 4-6 | ○ Judges 20-21 | ○ 1 Kings 17-18 | ○ Pro 11-14 | ○ Ezekiel 40-42 | ○ Luke 7 | ○ Ephesians 4-6 |
| 31 | ○ Lev 7-9 | ○ Ruth | ○ 1 Kings 19-20 | ○ Pro 15-19 | ○ Ezekiel 43-45 | ○ Luke 8 | ○ Philippians |
| 32 | ○ Lev 10-12 | ○ 1 Chr 1-3 | ○ 1 Kings 21-22 | ○ Pro 20-23 | ○ Ezekiel 46-48 | ○ Luke 9-10 | ○ Colossians |
| 33 | ○ Lev 13 | ○ 1 Chr 4-6 | ○ 2 Kings 1-3 | ○ Pro 24-27 | ○ Daniel 1-3 | ○ Luke 11 | ○ 1 Thessalonians |
| 34 | ○ Lev 14 | ○ 1 Chr 7-9 | ○ 2 Kings 4-5 | ○ Pro 28-31 | ○ Daniel 4-6 | ○ Luke 12-13 | ○ 2 Thessalonians |
| 35 | ○ Lev 15-16 | ○ 1 Chr 10-12 | ○ 2 Kings 6-8 | ○ Ecc 1-6 | ○ Daniel 7-9 | ○ Luke 14-16 | ○ 1 Timothy |
| 36 | ○ Lev 17-20 | ○ 1 Chr 13-16 | ○ 2 Kings 9-10 | ○ Ecc 7-12 | ○ Daniel 10-12 | ○ Luke 17-18 | ○ 2 Timothy |
| 37 | ○ Lev 21-23 | ○ 1 Chr 17-20 | ○ 2 Kings 11-13 | ○ Song of Sol | ○ Hosea 1-7 | ○ Luke 19-20 | ○ Titus, Philemon |
| 38 | ○ Lev 24-25 | ○ 1 Chr 21-24 | ○ 2 Kings 14-16 | ○ Isaiah 1-5 | ○ Hosea 8-14 | ○ Luke 21-22 | ○ Hebrews 1-6 |
| 39 | ○ Lev 26-27 | ○ 1 Chr 25-27 | ○ 2 Kings 17-18 | ○ Isaiah 6-9 | ○ Joel | ○ Luke 23-24 | ○ Hebrews 7-10 |
| 40 | ○ Num 1-2 | ○ 1 Chr 28-29 | ○ 2 Kings 19-21 | ○ Isaiah 10-13 | ○ Amos 1-4 | ○ John 1-2 | ○ Hebrews 11-13 |
| 41 | ○ Num 3-4 | ○ 2 Chr 1-4 | ○ 2 Kings 22-23 | ○ Isaiah 14-18 | ○ Amos 5-9 | ○ John 3-4 | ○ James |
| 42 | ○ Num 5-6 | ○ 2 Chr 5-6 | ○ 2 Kings 24-25 | ○ Isaiah 19-23 | ○ Obadiah | ○ John 5 | ○ 1 Peter |
| 43 | ○ Num 7-8 | ○ 2 Chr 7-9 | ○ Ezra 1-3 | ○ Isaiah 24-28 | ○ Jonah | ○ John 6 | ○ 2 Peter |
| 44 | ○ Num 9-11 | ○ 2 Chr 10-13 | ○ Ezra 4-7 | ○ Isaiah 29-32 | ○ Micah | ○ John 7 | ○ 1 John |
| 45 | ○ Num 12-14 | ○ 2 Chr 14-17 | ○ Ezra 8-10 | ○ Isaiah 33-36 | ○ Nahum | ○ John 8 | ○ 2-3 John, Jude |
| 46 | ○ Num 15-17 | ○ 2 Chr 18-20 | ○ Neh 1-4 | ○ Isaiah 37-39 | ○ Habakkuk | ○ John 9-10 | ○ Rev 1-3 |
| 47 | ○ Num 18-20 | ○ 2 Chr 21-23 | ○ Neh 5-7 | ○ Isaiah 40-42 | ○ Zephaniah | ○ John 11-12 | ○ Rev 4-7 |
| 48 | ○ Num 21-23 | ○ 2 Chr 24-25 | ○ Neh 8-10 | ○ Isaiah 43-46 | ○ Haggai | ○ John 13-14 | ○ Rev 8-10 |
| 49 | ○ Num 24-26 | ○ 2 Chr 26-28 | ○ Neh 11-13 | ○ Isaiah 47-50 | ○ Zech 1-6 | ○ John 15-16 | ○ Rev 11-13 |
| 50 | ○ Num 27-30 | ○ 2 Chr 29-30 | ○ Esther 1-3 | ○ Isaiah 51-56 | ○ Zech 7-10 | ○ John 17-18 | ○ Rev 14-16 |
| 51 | ○ Num 31-32 | ○ 2 Chr 31-33 | ○ Esther 4-7 | ○ Isaiah 57-61 | ○ Zech 11-14 | ○ John 19 | ○ Rev 17-19 |
| 52 | ○ Num 33-36 | ○ 2 Chr 34-36 | ○ Esther 8-10 | ○ Isaiah 62-66 | ○ Malachi | ○ John 20-21 | ○ Rev 20-22 |

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