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"The Church of the New Testament"

A Selected Article

Lessons on the church in the New Testament abound. Some lessons may be confined to very specific subjects. For instance, the work, worship, and organization are plainly revealed—and may each be examined in minute detail (Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Tim. 3:15; Acts 2:42; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Phil. 1:1; Acts 14:23; 1 Tim. 3:1-13). Other lessons on the New Testament Church may be more general, as is shown in the following.

The four gospel accounts tell about the preparation for the church. Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel" (Mk. 1:15). He laid the foundational material in His teaching. For example, the Sermon on the Mount has been called the "Constitution of Christianity" (Matt. 5-7). Jesus also prepared for the church by offering Himself as a sacrifice for it.

The book of Acts details the establishment and spread of the church. On Pentecost, the way into the church was revealed—belief, repentance, and baptism—and about 3,000 responded (Acts 2:37-41). The Bible says the Lord added them to the church (Acts 2:47). The size of the church grew when the gospel was taught (Acts 4:4; 6:7; 8:4; 11:19-21). The way into the church and its means of growth has not changed.

The epistles reveal the life of the church. In them we have an inspired account of problems faced by first century churches. Sexual immorality, laziness, lying, gossip, drunkenness, strife, etc., all troubled various churches at various times (1 Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Thes. 3:1-15; Eph. 4:25-32; Gal. 5:19-22). Thankfully, solutions were

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given when problems were addressed. Those same solutions work for the same problems we have today.

The book of Revelation gives a glimpse of the church's destiny. It shows us the struggle between good and evil; between the minions of Satan and the servants of the Savior. The superiority, ultimate control, and final victory of the Lord are reiterated through the pages of Revelation. In the end, the church will enjoy full, unfettered fellowship with God Almighty for all eternity (Rev. 21:1-7).

Many lessons on the church can be brought out of the New Testament. Some may be specific, while others are general. Whatever the lessons may be, they are all beneficial to our faith and, therefore, worthy of our consideration.

"A Special Week for All"

By Steve Niemeier

The topics have been chosen. The lessons have been prepared. The invitations have been handed out to the community, our friends and family members. The guest speaker and his wife are safely here. All things are ready for the feast to begin. This is going to be a special week for all who participate.

I cannot recall an event that has a more exciting and uplifting topic as this one. "The Blessings of God" pertain to every person who is alive today and who lived in the past and who will live in the future. Yet, there is so much misunderstanding and we might even say ignorance about these blessings. We are thankful that we have Frank Himmel with us this week to teach us about these blessings. We are also very thankful that his good wife Sandy was able to make the trip with him. We look forward to a great week with them working with us in this meeting.

Can you imagine not having the great hope of eternal peace that God grants us? Neither can I! This week we will here not only hear lessons about pertaining to this hope but lessons that will help us understand the work of God. We will study lessons such as the blessings of prophecy and their fulfillment. Many have questions about angels and miracles. These will be discussed

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also. We will learn more about Jesus and God's love along with His infallible word. The importance of living for Jesus and the blessings of leaving this world and the blessings of living in heaven are topics that are so uplifting despite the physical sadness of death.

Yes! It is going to be a very special week!

**You Are Invited To Attend A
Special Series Of Bible Lessons
Prepared For A Special People –
Including You!**



"The Blessings of God"

March 21st @ 9:30 A.M. --- "Prophecy and Fullfillment

March 21st @ 10:30 A.M. --- "Angels and Messengers"

March 21st @ 3:30 P.M. ---- "Miracles and Their Ceasing"

March 22nd @ 7:00 P.M.---- "Jesus Christ and God's Love"

March 23rd @ 7:00 P.M. --- "The Bible"

March 24th @ 7:00 P.M. --- "Living for Christ in this World"

March 25th @ 7:00 P.M. --- "Leaving this World"

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March 26th @ 7:00 P.M. --- "Blessing of Heaven"

Gospel Singing March 21st @ 2:30 P.M.

Speaker – Frank Himmell