

## The Establishment Of The Church

Text: Isaiah 2:2-3

Introduction:

- A. Our missionary Baptist friends believe the church was established sometime between the beginning of John's ministry and the death of Christ.
  - B. We need to know when the church was established to:
    - 1. help identify the church and
    - 2. identify its law. - Hebrews 9:15-17
  - C. When was the Lord's church established?
  - I. The kingdom and the church are the same institution. - Matthew 16:18-19
  - II. When was the kingdom (the church) established?
    - A. Purpose - Ephesians 3:8-12
    - B. Promise - Genesis 12:3; Galatians 3:29
    - C. Prophecy- Isaiah 2:2-3
      - 1. last days - Hebrews 1:1-2
      - 2. mountain - Hebrews 12:22-23
      - 3. Lord's house - 1 Timothy 3:14-15
      - 4. out of Zion shall go forth the law - Luke 24:46-49
    - D. Preparation
      - 1. ministry of John the Baptist - Matthew 3:1-2
      - 2. ministry of Jesus
        - a. Matthew 16:18
        - b. Mark 9:1
        - c. Acts 1:6-8
    - E. Perfection
      - 1. law from Zion - Act 2:38
      - 2. power from on high - Acts 2:1-4
      - 3. beginning- Acts 11:15
- Conclusion:
- A. The church of Christ was established on the day of Pentecost, AD 33 (traditional reckoning of time), the first Pentecost after the Lord's resurrection.
  - B. It's law is the New Testament. - Hebrews 9:15-17
  - C. Will you allow God to add you to it? - Acts 2:47