

## The Three Divisions of the New Testament

LIFE OF JESUS

CHURCHES FOUNDED

INSTRUCTIONS TO CHURCHES

### Gospels

(Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

We learn about Jesus

#### What do we find in the Gospels?

1. Ministry of John the Baptist
2. The birth of Jesus
3. The life of Jesus
4. the ministry of Jesus Christ
5. the calling of Christ's disciples
6. His miracles
7. His death, burial and resurrection

#### Please Observe:

1. No Christian Church was founded in the Gospels. Matthew 16:18
2. Not one person received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. John 7:38-39

People could repent and have their sins forgiven in the Gospels

- The thief on the cross Luke 23:43
- The man with palsy Mark 2:5

However: The New Covenant wasn't fully available and the born again experience was not possible until after Jesus was crucified and ascended. Luke 22:32, Acts 1:4,8

### Acts

(Book of Salvation)

We learn how to be born again

#### What do we find in Acts?

1. People were Born-Again John 3:5 fulfilled!
2. The first church founded on the Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1-4

#### Water Baptism

Done in the Name of Jesus Christ and not in the words- "Father, Son & Holy Spirit"

- Church at Jerusalem Acts 2:38
- Church at Samaria Acts 8:16
- Church at Caesarea Acts 10:48
- Church at Ephesus Acts 19:5

#### Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Evidence: They spoke with tongues

- Church at Jerusalem Founded Acts 2:4
- Church at Caesarea Founded Acts 10:44-48
- Church at Ephesus Founded Acts 19:1,5,6

The Apostles and those gathered with them were in one accord in prayer and were filled with the Baptism of Holy Spirit by evidence of speaking in other tongues. Acts 1:13, 14; Acts 2:4

### Epistles

(Romans to Revelation)

We learn how to live a Christian life

#### What do we find in the Epistles?

These letters were written to the churches after they were baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ and after they received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit evidenced by speaking in other tongues.

#### Why were the Epistles written?

To instruct born-again Christians (not unbelievers)

- How to live
- How to worship
- How to engage in Church discipline
- How to develop Fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)

#### Please note:

Eph 2:8, 1 Cor 12:30, 1 John 3:14, 1 John 5:1, Eph 5:26. These Scripture are letters written to churches already established and born again. They were never intended to be used as a substitute for the plan of salvation.

The New Testament Church Foundation:  
Eph 2:19-20, Eph 4:4-6, John 14:15, John 17:14