

The New Testament Church

Many have trouble with the concept of nondenominational Christianity. The Bible teaches that being a simple New Testament Christian is what God wants. The scriptures show very clearly how this is possible.

Jesus said in Luke 8:11 that “the seed is the word of God.” The Bible and our own experience teach that seed always brings forth after its kind (Gen. 1:11-14). If corn seed produces the same thing year after year, it is logical to conclude that the word of God produces the same thing year after year. Seed left in the Egyptian pyramids for thousands of years, reproduces after its kind, when planted in our time. After two thousand years, God’s seed, his word, will bring forth after its kind. The result will be the New Testament church made up of New Testament Christians.

Acts 2 tells about the establishment of the church. The apostles planted the spiritual seed, the word, in good and honest hearts, and this produced faith (Acts 2:37; Rom. 10:17). When the people asked, “What must we do?,” what did the apostles tell these believers to do to be saved? “And Peter (said) unto them, ‘Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).’” Then the Lord added these people to his church (Act 2:41, 47).

Before Acts 2, the Bible speaks of the church in the future. After Acts 2, the Bible speaks of the church as being in existence, and the scriptures referring to the kingdom are always in the past tense.

Today, when people do exactly what the people in Acts 2 did, they will added to the Lord’s church, the same church that came into being on that memorable day 2,000 years ago. Today, if we preach the same gospel, if good and honest hearts receive it by faith, if the hearers repent and are baptized unto the remission of sins, they will be added to the New Testament church and be New Testament Christians, just as those people in Acts 2 were. All of these, then and now, wear the same name, worship in the same manner, serve the one true and living God and Savior, and enjoy the same great hope of eternal life.

The gospel is God’s power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). Obey this gospel, which is his will, and he will add you to his church (Acts2:47). You will be a New Testament Christian and a member of the New Testament church. God’s seed, his word, will always bring forth after its kind.