

# Early Church History

## I. The Beginning

- a. The Great Commission
  - i. Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-17
- b. The Ascension
  - i. Luke 24:50-53

## II. Promise of the Comforter/Guide/Teacher

### a. Old Testament

- i. Joel 2:28 "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.  
29 And also on *My* menservants and on *My* maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.  
30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.  
31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.  
32 And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

### b. New Testament

#### 1. Father will send

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the *Father will send* in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

#### 2. Son will send

- a. Luke 24:49 Behold, *I send* the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power

from on high."

- b. John 15:26 But when the Helper comes, whom *I shall send* to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.
- c. John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, *I will send* Him to you.

### **III. Appearance of the Comforter/Guide/Teacher**

- a. Acts 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
  - 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
  - 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them.
  - 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

### **IV. Community Financial Unity**

- a. Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.
  - 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.
  - 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,
  - 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.
  - 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,
  - 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.
- b. Acts 4:32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in

common.

33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,

35 and laid *them* at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

## **V. Replacement of the Levitical Priesthood**

### **a. Old Testament**

- i. Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

### **b. New Testament**

- i. Acts 6:1 Now in those days, when *the number of* the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.
  - 2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.
  - 3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;
  - 4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

## VI. Salvation of the Gentiles - The conversion of Saul of Taurus

### a. Acts 9:1-18

## VII. The Conflict

- a. Acts 15:1 And certain *men* came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."
  - 2 Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul

and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

VIII.