INTRODUCTION
1. It is important to know the TIME and PLACE of the establishment of the church, or kingdom, for several reasons:
   (1) To IDENTIFY it so we can distinguish it from Old Testament agencies, and also from religious institutions of modern human origin.
   (2) To IDENTIFY its laws, and to see when the law governing the church went into effect.
2. Some theories of men when it was established:
   (1) In the days of Abraham.
   (2) In the days of John the Baptist -- Matt. 11:11
   (3) Some teach that the kingdom of God has not been established yet.

I. THE CHURCH WAS FORESHADOWED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT -- Heb. 9:11, 23; 10:1
1. The church then was not in existence in the Old Testament days.
2. Old Testament worthies desired to see its era -- I Pet. 1: 10 - 12; I Cor. 2:9 - 10; Eph. 3: 1 - 9

II. THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH OR KINGDOM ARE SUBJECTS OF PROPHECY
1. Isaiah 2: 2 - 4
   (1) "Last days"
   (2) "The mountain of the Lord's house" -- (Mountain --the government of Christ; The top of the mountain -- above all other governments)
   (3) "All nations"
   (4) "In Jerusalem"
   (5) Its nature.
2. The fulfillment of this prophecy -- Acts 2:1
   (1) "Last days" -- Pentecost, beginning of the last days -- Acts 2;17; Joel 2: 28 - 29; Heb. 1: 1 - 2; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; Acts 11:15
   (2) The mountain of the Lord's House -- Micah 4: 1 - 2
      1. The church is the Lord's House -- I Tim. 3:15; Acts 2:47
   (3) All nations -- Acts 2: 39; Matt. 28: 19 - 20
   (4) In Jerusalem -- Proper place
   (5) Its nature was peaceful -- Rom. 14:17; John 18:36
3. Nebuchadnezzar's dream -- Dan 2; 31 - 35
   (1) Interpretation of the dream -- Dan 2:36 - 45
   1. FOUR KINGDOMS
      (a) Babylonian -- Nebuchadnezzar -- HEAD OF GOLD
      (b) Medo-Persian, established by Cyrus, King of Persia, and Darius, King of Media -- BREASTS AND ARMS OF SILVER
      (c) Macedonia -- established by Alexander the Great -- BELLY AND THIGHS OF BRASS.
      (d) Roman was established as a world power by Octavius Caesar in 30 B.C. -- THE LEGS OF IRON AND FEET OF IRON AND CLAY

4. Jesus said it would be set up before some died that heard Him in Mark 9:1:
   (1) It was to come with power.
   (2) The power was to come with the Holy Spirit -- Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8
   (3) The Holy Spirit came on Pentecost -- Acts 2: 1 - 4

5. Dan. 7: 13 - 14; Acts 1:9; Heb. 9:24

III. THE CHURCH WAS NOT ESTABLISHED BY JOHN THE BAPTIST
1. He preached the Kingdom was "at hand" or approaching -- Matt. 3: 1 - 2
2. John was not in the Kingdom -- Matt. 11:11
   (1) John was killed in Matt. 14, and Christ promised to build his church in Matt. 16:18.

IV. THE CHURCH WAS NOT ESTABLISHED DURING THE PERSONAL MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST.
1. Mark 1:15 -- "And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."
2. To the Twelve -- Matt. 10:7
4. Jesus taught His disciples to pray for it to come -- Matt. 6: 9 - 1
5. Had not come at the time of His ascension -- Acts 1:6

V. THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH OR KINGDOM WAS PENTECOST -- Acts 11:15
1. The beginning of the church or kingdom -- Matt. 16:18 - 19; Acts 2:38, 47
2. The beginning of the "so great salvation" -- Heb. 2: 1 - 4; Acts 2:38; I John 2:25
3. The beginning of a New Covenant -- Jer. 31: 31 - 34; Heb. 8: 8 - 13
4. The beginning of the Lordship of Christ -- Acts 2:36; Eph. 4:5

CONCLUSION
1. Friend, are you a member of Christ's church??

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