

WHEN DID THE CHURCH BEGIN? A Question of Origin. (The Book of Acts)

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I. IT'S ABSENCE...

- A. In the Old Testament.

- B. It's Absence in the Gospels. (Mt 16:18; Mt 18:17)
 - 1. Mt 16:18

 - 2. Mt 18:17

II. IT'S BEGINNING IN ACTS 2.

Two Key aspects to the beginning of the church: The giving of the holy Spirit & speaking in other languages.

- A. The Giving of the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. It Was Promised. (Lk 24:49 w/ Acts 1:4-5)
 - 2. It Was Spoken of by Jesus to his Disciples. (Jn 14:15-17)
 - 3. It Was Spoken of as an Established Fact by Paul. (Rom 8)
 - 4. It Was for Enablement To Be Witnesses. (Acts 1:8)
- B. The Speaking in Other Languages (Tongues).

There are two things that speaking in other languages does: a sign that the Holy Spirit has been given, and, a sign to the Jews that the message of salvation is for everyone.

 - 1. It Is the Sign That the Holy Spirit Has Been Given to a Certain Group of People.

 - 2. It Is a Sign to the Jews That the Message of Salvation for Everyone.

III. THE EXPANSION OF THE CHURCH.

This expansion is outlined for us in Acts 1:8.

Beginning or Origin — Jerusalem;
Step 1 of Expansion — Judea & Samaria;
Step 2 of Expansion — the end of the earth.

- A. The Samaritans Are in. (Acts 8)

- B. The Gentiles Are in. (Acts 10 & 11)

- C. Disciples of John the Baptist. (Acts 19)