



**Series:** The New Testament Church

**Title:** The Church at Galilee & Jerusalem, and Antioch

## **I. The Church at Jerusalem:**

- A. Local:
  - A.1. Started in and Commissioned at Galilee (Matt. 4:18-23; Matt. 28:16).
  - A.2. Authenticated in Jerusalem at Pentecost (The Spirit authenticated the Tabernacle, The Temple, the Lord Jesus, and the churches of Jerusalem (Jewish); the church in Samaria (Half-Jew); the church in Cornelius' house (Gentile).
- B. Visible:
  - B.1. During the Life of Christ (Matt. 16:18).
  - B.2. During the Life of the Apostles. (Persecuted by Paul, scattered, no record after 70 A.D./ 43 yrs. old).
- C. Organized:
  - C.1. The Lord Jesus (a baptized disciple) gathers other baptized disciples.
  - C.2. They were all baptized by John the Baptist.
- D. Constituted:
  - D.1. Pastor(s) – First pastor, Jesus (Lk. 12:32); Second pastor, Peter (Jn. 21:15); Third pastor, James (Acts 15:13).
  - D.2. Members – 120 baptized disciples (Acts 1:15); 3,120 (Acts 2:41); 8,120 (Acts 4:4); plus (Acts 5:14; 6:7).
  - D.3. Deacons – (Acts 6:1-6).
- E. Assembly:
  - E.1. They observed Believer's Baptism (Acts 2:41).
  - E.2. They observed regular services, including the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:41).
- F. Strengths and Weaknesses:
  - F.1. Strengths:
    - a. Unity (Acts 1:14; 2:1, 46).
    - b. A Praying Church (Acts 1:14; 2:42; 3:1; 4:24-31; 12:12).
    - c. Rebuked Sin (Acts 2:23; 5:3; 7:51-53; 8:20-21).
    - d. Boldness and Evangelism (Acts 2:41; 3:12; 4:4, 33; 5:14, 42; etc.)
  - F.2. Weaknesses:
    - a. Legalism & Racism (Acts 11:1-3; 15:1; 21:18-25; Gal. 2:11-13).
    - b. James' Epistle – dealt with favoring rich over poor (James 2:1-9); gossip (James 1:26; 3:2; 4:11).

## **II. The Church at Antioch:**

- A. Local: Acts 8:1; 11:19-20.
- B. Visible: During the life of Peter, Barnabas, Paul, and other disciples.
- C. Organized:
  - C.1. Acts 11:20 – baptized disciples came to Antioch – preaching to the Gentiles (Grecians).
  - C.2. Acts 11:21, 22 – the church at Jerusalem sent Barnabas to confirm and help organize them.
- D. Constituted: No record of a pastor – but there had to be one, and members, and leaders (Acts 13)
- E. Assembly: (Acts 15:3)
- F. Strengths and Weaknesses:
  - F.1. Strengths:
    - a. A Solid Testimony – called “Christians” (Acts 11:26).
    - b. First church to send a love gift to help another church (Acts 11:27-30).
    - c. Missions minded church – (Acts 13:1-3; 14:26).
  - F.2. Weaknesses:
    - a. No small dissensions (Acts 15:2).
    - b. Sharp contention (Acts 15:39; Pr. 13:10).