

What We Teach

THE CHURCH

We teach that all who place their faith in Jesus Christ are immediately placed by the Holy Spirit into one united spiritual Body, the church ([1 Corinthians 12:12-13](#)), the bride of Christ ([2 Corinthians 11:2](#); [Ephesians 5:23-32](#); [Revelation 19:7-8](#)), of which Christ is the Head ([Ephesians 1:22](#); [Ephesians 4:15](#); [Colossians 1:18](#)).

We teach that the formation of the church, the Body of Christ, began on the Day of Pentecost ([Acts 2:1-21, 38-47](#)) and will be completed at the coming of Christ for His own at the rapture ([1 Corinthians 15:51-52](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)).

We teach that the church is thus a unique spiritual organism designed by Christ, made up of all born-again believers in this present age ([Ephesians 2:11-3:6](#)). The church is distinct from Israel ([1 Corinthians 10:32](#)), a mystery not revealed until this age ([Ephesians 3:1-6](#); [Ephesians 5:32](#)).

We teach that the establishment and continuity of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures ([Acts 14:23, 27](#); [Acts 20:17, 28](#); [Galatians 1:2](#); [Philippians 1:1](#); [1 Thessalonians 1:1](#); [2 Thessalonians 1:1](#)) and that the members of the one spiritual Body are directed to associate themselves together in local assemblies (CF. [1 Corinthians 11:18-20](#); [Hebrews 10:25](#)).