

# Baptist Apostasy and the Church

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The church that Jesus built is alive and well. It has never failed and never will fail (Mat. 16: 18). We have an eternal promise from our Lord that the perpetuity of this divine church would continue. It did not start on the day of Pentecost. Jesus built the first one during his own personal ministry in Jerusalem. On the day of Pentecost an existing assembly of one hundred and twenty members were empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:15 - "And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty)."

Acts 2:1-4 - "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Yet, today we are seeing Baptist churches and pastors teaching the universal, invisible day of Pentecost theory of the church. Our early Baptist forefathers in the first century did not believe such apostate doctrine. The universal theory came from Rome and the invisible theory from the Protestants. Genuine Baptists do not believe either of those false theories. Baptists are not Protestants and never have been. Even the Protestants admit to our existence. Listen to what they said:

Alexander Campbell in the Campbell-McCall a Debate - "The church at Jerusalem was a Baptist church, and the church at Samaria was a Baptist church."

Mosheim, Lutheran Historian - "The first century was a history of the Baptists."

John Ridpath, Methodist Historian - "I should not readily admit that there was a Baptist church as far back as 1 OOA.D., though without doubt there were Baptist then, as all Christians were then Baptists." We now are seeing many Baptist forsaking their Biblical heritage and teaching and preaching the ecumenical doctrine of the universal, invisible church theory. It is time to resist the apostate trend of our day which will eventually lead to a one world visible church.

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