

## **The Formation and Function of the Church**

### **Lesson 1**

- I. Introduction
  - A. Church (ecclesia) = assembly
    - 1. Matt. 16:18 -
    - 2. Deut. 23:3 -
  - B. History lesson
    - 1. Ex. 7:16 - words to Pharaoh
    - 2. Deut. 4:10 - God summoned His people
    - 3. Ex. 19:4 - "brought you to myself"
    - 4. Deut. 9:10; 10:4; 18:16 - referred to as "the day of the assembly."
    - 5. Deut. 33:32 - description by Moses of this cosmic spectacle
    - 6. Next came the Tabernacle -
    - 7. Then the Temple on Mt. Zion -
    - 8. Then a heavenly Mt. Zion -
      - a. difference between the two Mt. Zions -
      - b. Heb. 9:11,24 -
      - c. Heb.12:22-23 -
      - d. Heb. 10:45 - a warning
  - C. Conclusions regarding "our assembling"
    - 1. John 4:23 -
- II. The Formation of the Church
  - A. What is the church?
    - 1. The body of Christ -
  - B. When was the church formed?
    - 1. Acts 2 -
    - 2. Eph. 1: 3-6 -
      - a. part one -
      - b. part two -
      - c. part three -
  - C. 7 Key facts about the formation of the body (Eph. 1:4-6a)
    - 1. The method God used to form the body -
    - 2. The object of God's election -
    - 3. The timing of the formation of the body -