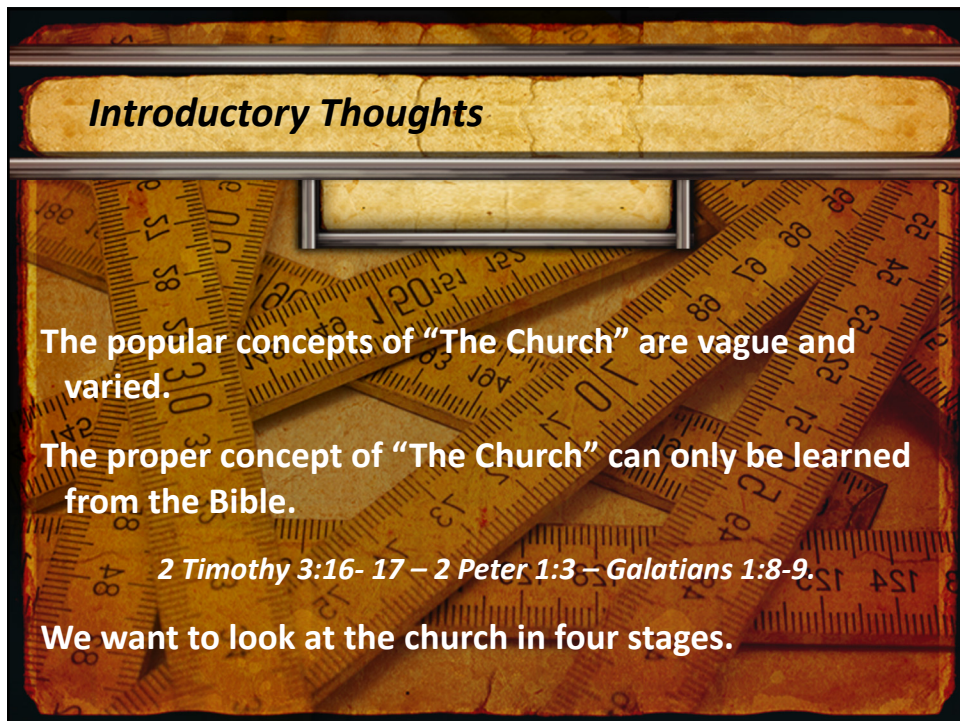




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The Planning Stage

Planned to bring all together in one before the foundation of the world – Ephesians 1:4-10.

Brought all together in one body – Ephesians 2:16.

Church is according to God's eternal purpose – Ephesians 3:9-11.

3

The Preparatory Stage

Old Testament types, providence and prophecy – Isaiah 2:2-3 – Daniel 2:44.

The ministry of John and Christ.

He and John preached that the kingdom was at hand – Matthew 3:1-3 – Matthew 4:17.

He promised to build the church – Matthew 16:18-19.

He paid the price for the church – Acts 20:28.

4

The Perfected Stage

Established on the day of Pentecost - Acts 2.

Spoken of in three senses.

Ephesians 1:22-23 – 1 Corinthians 1:2 – 1 Corinthians 11:18.

Had same doctrine – Acts 2:42 – 1 Corinthians 4:17 – Acts 14:23.

Warned against a major departure or falling away – Acts 20:28-31.

5

The Perverted Stage

1000s of churches claiming to be the One True Church.

Sadly even some who were once faithful congregations have adopted the worldly mindset.

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The Perverted Stage

606 AD	Italy	Boniface III	Roman Catholic
1520 AD	Germany	Martin Luther	Lutheran
1534 AD	England	Henry VII	Episcopalian
1536 AD	Switzerland	John Calvin	Presbyterian
1550 AD	England	Robert Browne	Congregational
1607 AD	Holland	John Smythe	Baptist

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The Perverted Stage

1739 AD	England	John Wesley	Methodist
1830 AD	America	Joseph Smith	Latter Day Saints
1830 AD	America	William Miller	Adventists
1844 AD	England	William Booth	Salvation Army
1866 AD	America	Mary Baker Eddy	Christian Scientists
1872 AD	America	Charles T Russell	Jehovah's Witness
1896 AD	America	P F Breeze	Nazarene
1901 AD	America	Prayer Meeting	Assembly of God

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