# The Church of Christ, When?

**Text:** "In that day, I will raise up the fallen booth of David..." (Amos 9:11)

Question 54: What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?

Answer: I believe that the Son of God through His Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for Himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

#### Intro: The Catechism

I believe that the Son of God... (Acts 2:32, 33)

...through his Spirit and Word... (Acts 11:26)

...out of the entire human race... (Acts 10:15)

... from the beginning of the world to its end...

...gathers, protects, and preserves...

...for Himself... (Acts 2:34-35)

...a community...

...chosen for eternal life (Acts 13:48)

...and united in true faith.

And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

#### I. When?

"There are some who believe that the church existed in the Old Testament, and I want to tell you...there is absolutely no biblical support for that. None, you cannot find the church in the OT and that's where people make some major mistakes with the Bible." --Thompson

I belie	ve in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I belie	ve in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I belie	ve in the Holy Spirit; <u>the holy catholic church;</u> the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Acts 7:38; Hebrews 2:12; 1 Peter 2:9

#### II. Amos

To the Northern tribes

**Religious Activity** 

### III. Amos 9

raise up... wall up... raise up... rebuild...

## III. The Church

James in Acts 15:16

## Application: Preparing for the Lord's Supper

A pointless theological question?

The past...

The future...