VII. The Church in the New Testament Era

 A. Relationship with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 1. Began within Judaism

 2. Grew \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Judaism fairly quickly

 B. Expansion of the church

 1. Rapid growth in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2. Rapid growth around the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Basin

 3. Missionary journeys of Paul and his companions

 C. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the church in biblical times

 1. Opposition of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ religious establishment (martyrdom of Stephen)

 2. Persecution by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ emperors

 a. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - A.D. 64 - Peter and Paul probably killed

 b. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - A.D. 90-100 - John sent to Isle of Patmos

 D. The vitality of the church

 1. Acts 2:42-47 2. Acts 4:18-21, 32 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 3. Acts 6:1-3

 E. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within the church

 1. Ananias and Sapphira

 2. Church at Corinth

 3. Churches referred to in the first chapters of Revelation

 F. The beliefs of the church

 **The Apostles’ Creed**

 I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty

 Maker of heaven and earth.

 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord,

 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

 and born of the virgin Mary.

 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

 was crucified, died and was buried.

 He descended into hell.

 On the third day He rose again from the dead.

 He ascended into heaven

 and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.

 From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

 I believe in the Holy Spirit,

 the holy catholic church,

 the communion of saints,

 the forgiveness of sins,

 the resurrection of the body

 and the life of the world to come. Amen.