

God's Person, Proclamation and People

Finding Your Place in God's Plan

Introduction:

- A. "This was His plan from all eternity..." (*Ephesians 3:11*, NLT)
- B. His plan has relevance for **you**, whether you're an experienced disciple or a beginning seeker.

I. The Wonder of God's Eternal Plan

- A. In accordance with his plan, Almighty God gave a _____ (*John 3:16*).

- B. That person—Jesus of Nazareth—came with a _____ (*Luke 4:18*).

- C. The proclaimed word calls out and gathers a _____—referred to as "the church."

II. "Give Me Christ, But Not the Church!"

- A. Many are disillusioned with the _____ that have fractured the "religious world."

- B. Many are discouraged by the _____ they see in the lives of Christians.

III. The Church is an Indispensable, *Glorious* Part of God's Eternal Plan

- A. The church of Jesus Christ is glorious because of its _____ (*Ephesians 3:8-11*).

- B. The church of Jesus Christ is glorious because of its _____ (*Matthew 16:13-18*).

- C. The church of Jesus Christ is glorious because of its _____ (*Ephesians 2:17-19*).

- D. The church of Jesus Christ is glorious because of its _____ (*John 14:1-3*).