

# Ephesians 3:1-5

“(1) For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, (2) If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: (3) How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, (4) Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) (5) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;”

## Ephesians 3:6-8

“(6) That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: (7) Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. (8) Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;”

## Ephesians 3:9-11

“(9) And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: (10) To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, (11) According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:”

# Pivotal Words

- **Mystery – vs. 3**
- **Revealed – vs. 5**
- **Mystery – vs. 9**
- **Eternal Purpose – vs. 11**
- **Mystery – vs. 4**
- **Unsearchable Riches of Christ – vs. 8**
- **Manifold Wisdom of God – vs. 10**

**Different Words → The Same Meaning,  
Same Force, Same Thrust, Same Intent.**



**GOD'S  
ETERNAL  
PURPOSE**

# Defining The Terms

- **GOD** – The Almighty
- **ETERNAL** – Everlasting In Duration
- **PURPOSE** – A Setting Forth  
Beforehand
- **MYSTERY** – A Strategy, A Plan, A  
Scheme, That Which Is Folded Until It  
Is Unfolded

## 2 Timothy 1:9

“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,”

# Romans 16:25, 26

“Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, (26) But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:”



Before God ever said  
“Let there be light,”  
and even before He said  
“Let US make man,”  
God was working on an  
**ETERNAL PLAN**  
to save man.

**Denominationalism**  
**Was Never**  
**On The Mind Of**  
**God**

## Jeremiah 19:5

“They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind:”

## Jeremiah 32:35

“And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.”

# Deuteronomy 29:29

“The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.”

# 1 Corinthians 2:6-8

“Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: (7) But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: (8) Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”

# 1 Corinthians 2:10-13

“But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. (11) For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. (12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. (13) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

## Acts 2:22, 23

“Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: (23) Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:”

**God = Father  
Son  
Holy Spirit**

**Made a Determinate Plan  
Before The World Began  
To Save Man**





**Before**  
Time Began  
**AND**  
**Before**  
Man Sinned

**GOD HAD A PLAN**

# The Plan Called For...

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First

Adam

A

Second

Adam

# Noah & the Ark

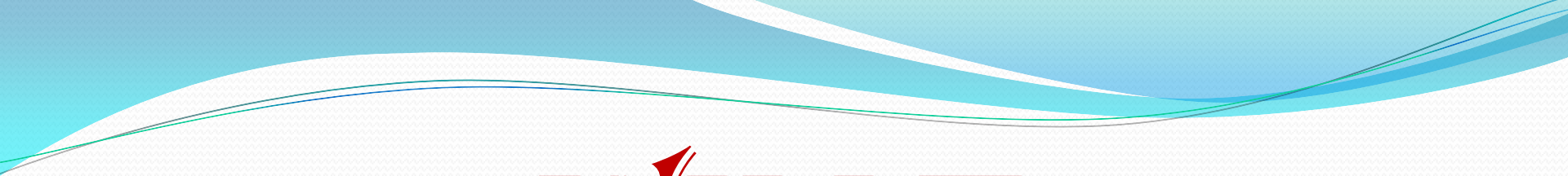
One Ark  
One Window  
One Door  
One Family

Gen. 6:14-18

# Christ & the Church

One Door  
One Shepherd  
One Fold  
One Family

John 10:1-16



WHAT  
WAS IN  
THE MIND  
OF GOD?

## Ephesians 1:9-10

“Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even in Him.*”

# Jesus Prayed For Unity

John 17:21

“That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.”

# Jesus Said...

“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.”

- Matt 12:25

# Ephesians 3:6

“That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel:”





- There is **ONE Body**

– Eph. 4:4

- The **Church** which is **His Body**

– Eph. 1:22,23

- He is the head of **the Body, the Church**

– Col. 1:18

- ...for **His Body's** sake, which is the **Church**

– Col. 1:24

- Conclusion: **There Is One Church!**



Will YOU Become  
A Member Of That  
ONE Church  
Today?