

# **“I Want To Make This My Home Church” (Part 5) “Look Into My Crystal Ball!”**

## **Ephesians 3:6-21**

And this is God’s plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God’s children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup>By God’s grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News. <sup>8</sup>Though I am the least deserving of all God’s people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ. <sup>9</sup>I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning. <sup>10</sup>God’s purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup>Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God’s presence. <sup>13</sup>So please don’t lose heart because of my trials here. I am suffering for you, so you should feel honored. <sup>14</sup> When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, <sup>15</sup> the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. <sup>16</sup>I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. <sup>17</sup>Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. <sup>18</sup>And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. <sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. <sup>20</sup>Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. <sup>21</sup>Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

## **I See A Church That...**

### **\*Does Not Discriminate!**

Then Peter replied, “I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism.”—**Acts 10:34**

“My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don’t show favoritism.”—**James 2:1**

### **\*Is Fueled By The Fringe!**

...Jesus...said, “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way.—**Luke 10:21**

### **\*Serves Our Community & Its People!**

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”—**Matthew 20:28**

### **\*Realizes 100% Participation As Normal!**

For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.—**Ephesians 2:10**

### **\*Engages You & Your Friends On Their Journey Back To God! \*Weekend Services (Music, Preaching & Kids); Small Groups; Serving & Relationships**

### **\*Leverages Who God Has Created Us To Be & How God Has Wired Us!**

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. <sup>14</sup>Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.—**Psalms 139:13-14**

### **\*Does Not Destroy My Soul; My Family or You In The Process!**

“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”—**John 10:10**  
And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? <sup>37</sup>Is anything worth more than your soul?”—**Mark 8:36-37**

### **\*I Can Lead For The Rest Of My Life!**