

For we are his workmanship, created in  
Christ Jesus for good works, which God  
prepared beforehand, that we should walk in  
them.

- Ephesians 2:10





MADE FOR

A close-up photograph of a person's hands shaping a piece of light-colored clay on a pottery wheel. The hands are covered in wet clay, and the wheel is in motion, creating a blurred effect on the clay surface. The background is dark, making the hands and the pot stand out.

A PURPOSE

EPH. 2:10



**Does the Church Even  
Matter?**

"I mean, I get why you're into 'being spiritual' and 'helping people' and everything, but why bother with Church? I just don't get that part.

Do you really think you need it?"



**3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, **4** even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love **5** he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, **6** to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.



**Ephesians 1:3-6**

# God's Plan for the Church...



began

before

time.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.



**Ephesians 1:7-10**



# God's Plan for the Church...



was fulfilled in  
Christ.

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Redemption

was fulfilled in  
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Redemption

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Forgiveness

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Redemption

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Christ.

Mystery

Forgiveness

**11** In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, **12** so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. **13** In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.



**Ephesians 1:11-14**

# God's Plan for the Church...



gives us an  
inheritance.



**The Church matters.**



**The Church matters. Does it  
matter to me?**