



How My Little Life Fits Into God's Big Plan

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Really Bad Images of Jesus' Church:

1. The Church as an Edifice: "Where's your church?"
2. The Church as a Performance: "What time is church?"
3. The Church as a Religious Category: "What kind of church do you attend?"

Clarity that COVID has brought us:

1. If the church is a building, then a lockdown locks us out.
2. If the church is a performance, the performers are out of business.
3. If the church is a religious category, then my faith is defined by others.

1. Jesus gives us _____

(This is receiving the _____ of Christ)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

2. Once we have received Jesus' Life, then Jesus gives us all a _____

(This is engaging in the _____ of Christ)

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

Jesus' masterplan has designed me to be one of His:

- _____ who courageously extend the reach of Christ, or
- _____ who ensure loyalty and fidelity to Christ, or
- _____ who effectively communicate the message of Christ, or
- _____ who carefully foster the culture of Christ, or
- _____ who integrate biblical instruction with obedience to Christ.

3. And since we all have a new role to learn, Jesus gives us all _____

(This is obeying the _____ of Christ)

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, Ephesians 4:11-12

Our Equipping Plan

4. And together, Jesus gives us a singular, clearly defined _____

(This is becoming the _____ of Christ in our communities)

until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:13