

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION - PHASE ONE
God's Building Plans for Kingdom People
From Ephesians Chapters 1 - 3

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Unfolding the Plans God Has for Us - Ephesians 1:1-3
(June 22nd)

YOUR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST

Counting Your Blessings as a Christian Under Construction - Ephesians 1:3-10
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THE AMAZING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Celebrating the Life-Giving Work of the Holy Spirit - Ephesians 1:11-14
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THE KNOWLEDGE AND POWER OF CHRISTIANITY

Living Out the 1st Kingdom-Building Prayer of Ephesians - Ephesians 1:15-23
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BY GRACE...FOR WORKS

Being a Steward of What God Has Prepared in Advance for Us to Do -
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AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN

Bringing People Near Through Jesus - Ephesians 2:11-18
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HERE COMES THE CHURCH!

Seeing God's Great Picture of the Church of Jesus Christ - Ephesians 2:19-22
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UNSOLVED MYSTERIES SOLVED!

Understanding the Church as the Focal Point of History - Ephesians 3:1-13
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UP THE STAIRCASE OF PRAYER

Walking Up the Staircase of the 2nd Kingdom-Building Prayer of Ephesians -
Ephesians 3:14-21
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INTRODUCTION

Our Mission Statement Here at Our Savior's:
*The mission of Our Savior's is to prayerfully reach, restore and
release people for Jesus Christ so that we might shine like stars
in the darkness as we hold out the Word of Life.*

Jude 20-21

But you, dear friends, **build yourselves up** in your most holy faith and
pray in the Holy Spirit. 21 Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait
for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

Jude 20-21 (The Message)

But you, dear friends, carefully **build yourselves up** in this most holy
faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 staying right at the center of
God's love, keeping your arms open and outstretched, ready for the
mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real
life!

**I. EVERY SUCCESSFUL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NEEDS:
A GOOD SET OF _____**

Jeremiah 29:11-13

“For I know the **plans** I have for you,” declares the Lord, “**plans** to
prosper you and not to harm you, **plans** to give you hope and a future.
12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will
listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with
all your heart.”

II. THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS PROVIDES SUCH A SET OF PLANS!

2 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the **holy Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Why Open the Plans of the Book of Ephesians?

A. The _____ of This Set of Plans

B. The _____ of This Set of Plans

C. The _____ of This Set of Plans

Dr. John R. W. Stott:

The whole letter is thus a magnificent combination of Christian doctrine and Christian duty, Christian faith and Christian life, what God has done through Christ and what we must be and do in consequence.

III. SPECIFICALLY, GOD’S PLAN IS TO BUILD US TO BE:

Open Your “Building Plans” To:
Ephesians 1:1-2

A. A _____ People

“To the saints in Ephesus...”

B. A _____ People

“...the faithful...”

C. A _____ People

“...in Christ Jesus.”

IV. HOW CAN THIS HAPPEN?

CONCLUSION

Acts 20:32 (NLT)

And now I entrust you to God and **the Word of his Grace** — his message that is able to **build you up** and give you an inheritance with all those he has **set apart for himself**.