

# The Church in God's Plan

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God has a cosmic plan, a master plan of redemption. He intends to bring about far more than filling heaven with saved souls. The Bible speaks of a divine plan for the whole creation, and the Church has a central role in that plan. The Bible shows what the Church is, and defines its mission.



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eternal plan predates both the Fall and the creation; it existed in the mind of God "before the creation of the world" (Eph 1:4).<sup>3</sup>