

The Age of Christ: *God's Plan for the Church*

(Approx. 30 A.D. to Present Day)

Introduction:

- a. Why Study The Bible: Ephesians 2:19-22

- 1. The Origin of the Church**
 - a. The Time – A.D. 30 Acts 2
 - b. The Place – Jerusalem: Isaiah 2:3, Acts 2:5
 - c. The Founder – Jesus Christ: Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 1:22-23

- 2. The Organization of the Church**
 - a. Christ Is The Head: Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 4:11-12
 - b. Evangelists: Titus 1:5, 2 Timothy 4:2-5
 - c. Elders: 1 Peter 5:1-3, 1 Timothy 3:1-7
 - d. Deacons: Acts 6:1-6, 1 Timothy 3:8-13
 - e. Members: 1 Corinthians 1:2, Philippians 1:1
 - f. Biblical Church Names: Ephesians 3:14-15, 1 Corinthians 1:2, Romans 16:16

- 3. The Worship of the Church**
 - a. Assembles On Sunday: Acts 20:7
 - b. Everyone Worships Together: 1 Corinthians 14:23, 26, Hebrews 10:25
 - c. In Spirit And Truth: John 4:23-24, Matthew 15:8-9
 - d. Singing: Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19
 - e. Praying: 1 Corinthians 14:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:17
 - f. Teaching: Ephesians 4:11-12, Acts 13:1, 1 Corinthians 14:34-35
 - g. Communion: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29, 1 Corinthians 10:16
 - h. Contribution: 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

- 4. The Unity of the Church**
 - a. Jesus Built ONE Church: Ephesians 4:4-6, Matthew 16:18
 - b. Built Upon ONE Standard: 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:3
 - c. Applicable In Every Church: 1 Corinthians 4:17, Acts 20:20
 - d. Submit To God, Not Man: 1 Corinthians 14:36-37, Galatians 1:8-10
 - e. Division Is Sinful: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, Romans 16:17-18

- 5. The Mission of the Church**
 - a. Be A Light In The World: Matthew 5:13-16
 - b. The Great Commission: Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-16
 - c. Make Disciples/Baptize: Romans 1:16, 1 Peter 3:21
 - d. Teach Them To Follow Christ: Colossians 1:21-23, Acts 2:42, Romans 12:1-2
 - e. Teach Them To Evangelize: 2 Timothy 2:2

- 6. Membership in the Church**
 - a. Membership Is Important: Ephesians 2:19-20, Philippians 3:20
 - b. By Obeying The Gospel: Colossians 1:13-14, Acts 2:47