

(1) **Father** in Eternity and Unapproachable

**1 Timothy 6:16a** "Who alone possesses immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see."

**Gen. 1:1** "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

(2) **Son** incarnate

**Matthew 2:1**

"Now...Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king."

**John 1:1b,14a** "... and the Word was God...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..."

(3) **Human Living**

**John 8:46** "Which one of you convicts me of sin?"  
**1 Peter 2:22** "He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth."  
 In the Gospels, He is described as compassionate, selfless, diligent, and obedient.

The Spirit, who is the ultimate expression of the

Triune God, was not yet in John 7:39, because at that time Jesus had not yet been glorified. As the embodiment of God, He had to pass through specific stages to accomplish God's desire. After Jesus's incarnation, human living crucifixion, death and resurrection, everything was finished. The Triune God had to pass through these different stages to become the life-giving Spirit. (1 Cor. 15:45)

(4) **Crucifixion**

**Matthew 27:26** "... And when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified."

**Mark 15:25** "And it was the third hour, and they crucified Him."



(5) **Death**

**Matt. 27:50** "And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit."

**Phil 2:8b** "He humbled Himself, even unto death and that the death of a cross."

**Eph. 1:7** "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses..."

# The Eternal Plan of God

"This mystery is great but I speak with regard to Christ and the Church." Eph. 5:32

(6) **Ascension**

**Luke 24:51** "While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven."

**Phil 2:9** Therefore also God Highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name.

(7) **Resurrected as Spirit**

**1 Cor. 15:45** "The last Adam [Jesus Christ] became a life-giving spirit."

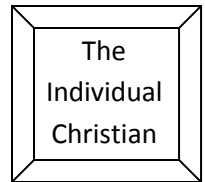
**John 11:25** "Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the Life; he who believes into Me even if he should die, shall live."

(8) **Resurrected Body**

**Acts 2:31** "... He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption."

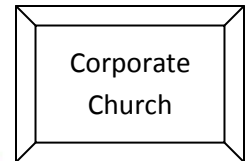
**1 Cor. 6:19** "...Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God..."

1 Thes. 5:23  
 spirit  
 soul  
 body



(9) **Indwelling**

**1 Cor. 6:17** "But he who is joined to the Lord is one Spirit."



(10) **Church built of Believers**

**Romans 12:5** "So we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

This diagram gives an overview of God's plan and purpose. Because of His great love for us, God desires to have an intimate, relationship with mankind. Yet as the Father, he was unapproachable and distant from man. To become nearer to man, in time the Father became the Son. Yet God wanted an even closer union with His people. For this he became the Spirit, so that anyone, anywhere and in any age can receive the Spirit, one by one. Of those who receive the Spirit, he builds them together into the universal church. God's plan for the building of the church began in eternity past, and is being fulfilled today as the church matures in the life of Christ.

**The purpose of God's salvation is to have Christ reproduced in millions of saints that they may become the members of His Body, not separate and complete individual units but parts of a living, functioning, coordinated, corporate whole.**