



The 2014 Series on the Church
Calvary Baptist Church
Sermon 1: God and the Church
1 Tim. 3:15
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INTRODUCTION

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I. The **Planning** of the Church (Mt. 16:18; Gal. 4:4; Eph. 1:3-7)

- The plan for the church was not hatched in Jerusalem!

II. The **Purchase** of the Church (Gal. 4:4-7; Titus 2:13-14; 1 Peter 1:18-20)

- Do we realize the **cost** paid so that we might have the church?

III. The **Possessor** of the Church (Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 15:9; Eph. 1:20, 22-23; 5:23; 1 Tim. 3:15)

APPLY! – Do we know that we are not **owners** of the church. We are a **franchise** of the church of the living God. Don't forget it.

IV. The **Procurement** of the Church (Acts 2:47; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:4-5)

- God is busy procuring the church! We are not alone.
- If we **pray** to the God of Heaven, if we follow the **book** He has given us, if we faithfully proclaim the good **news** that He gave us, we have the assurance that God is with us!

V. The **Preciousness** of the Church (Eph. 2:1-5; 5:25, 29-30; 1 Peter 2:2-4, 10)

PRECIOUS – Gk., *entimos*. **Valuable**, held dear, honorable.

- The Church, so despised by the world, is precious to God!

APPLY – Do you **love** the church like God **loves** the church?

VI. The **Pattern** for the Church (1 Cor. 4:16-17; 12:28; 1 Tm. 3:15; 2 Tm. 4:1-5)

- God's Word is the **operating manual** for the local church.

VII. The **Promise** for the Church (Acts 1:8-11; Titus 2:13-14)

- Christ did not leave His church forever!
- Christ will come again to receive us to Himself!

CONCLUSION (Revelation 5:1-14)