

# ***The Greater Blessing of Easter***

*Sunday March 31, 2024*

*Series: Blessed!*

*“And he [God] who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”*

*Revelation 21:5a ESV*

## **I Am Included in God’s Greater Plan that Fixes Everything!**

### **I. God Answers My Life Questions \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,”* *Ephesians 1:3 ESV*

*“making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.”*

*Ephesians 1:9–10 ESV*

- **God Shares \_\_\_\_\_ with Me**

*“making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose,”* *Ephesians 1:9a ESV*

- **Reveals Jesus Birth to Shepherds** — *““When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.””* *Luke 2:15 ESV*

- **Reveals God to Me** — *“No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”* *John 15:15 ESV*

[Also: John 14:7]

- **God Explains so I Can \_\_\_\_\_**

*“making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose,”* *Ephesians 1:9b ESV*

*“Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully,”* *1 Peter 1:10 ESV*

**Mystery** – a Divine Secret—previously aspects of God’s plan and working now revealed.

*“For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.”* *Amos 3:7 ESV*

*“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”* *Matthew 6:10 ESV*

- **God Does not \_\_\_\_\_**

*“according to his purpose,”* *Ephesians 1:9c ESV*

*“God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?”* *Numbers 23:19 ESV*

## II. God's Plan is \_\_\_\_\_

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*Ephesians 1:9-10 ESV*

- **God Plan is Revealed in \_\_\_\_\_**

*"which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time,"*

*Ephesians 1:9d ESV*

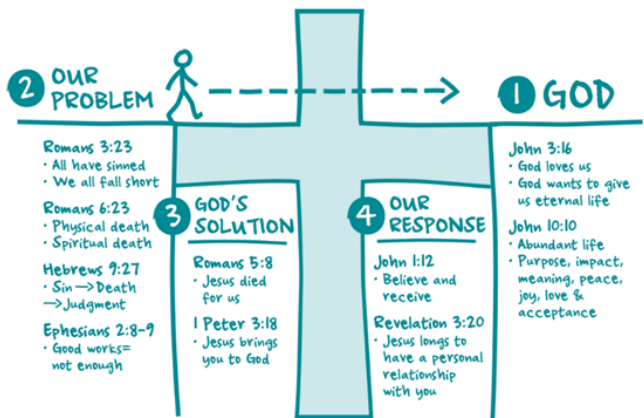
- **Born at the \_\_\_\_\_** — *"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."*

*Galatians 4:4-5 ESV*

- **Secured My \_\_\_\_\_ with God** —

*"whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins."*

*Romans 3:25 ESV*



## III. Jesus is Bringing \_\_\_\_\_

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*Ephesians 1:9-10 ESV*

- **Jesus Restores \_\_\_\_\_**

*"to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth."*

*Ephesians 1:10b ESV*

*"that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies."*

*Romans 8:21-23 ESV*

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