

The Radiance of God

Ephesians 5:18-33

**The “Mystery” of God’s Will:
God’s overarching plan**

Ephesians 1:8b-10

Sealed with the holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:13-14



Ephesians 5:18-33

18-21

22-24

25-33

The Big Idea

**The Son of God is radically united with the Church
becoming one glorious flesh with her forever**

“We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Thessalonians 1:12

What are we to do?

Be astounded by this great love

“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:17-19

Pursue what Christ is pursuing in us

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.” Philippians 3:12

a radiant community

2025-26 Results Vision

Radiant community

- A diverse community united in Christ
- filled with the presence of Christ
(loving God and loving people)
- to make known God’s wisdom & glory in heaven and on earth
(making disciples)

Living **radiance**

through a **more radiant discipling community**

Clear, shared, flexible plan for discipleship

More and richer Life Groups

Assimilation team

Intentional care for every regular attender

Multiplying **radiance**

through **more people in radiant ministry teams**

Plan for raising up future leaders

Helping ministry teams grow social and discipling connections

Future **radiance**

by **boldly pursuing God’s continued work together**

Develop a 3-year vision (build on this vision)

Implement Crossway Conversations

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. How would you describe a) how much help God has given to help humanity, and b) how involved Christ is with us?
2. How do you typically think about our relationship with God? How much help has He given you? How much help is He giving you? How involved is He in your life?
3. How do you respond, and how should we respond, to the “one glorious flesh” union between Christ and the Church forever?

Conversation starters this week

In your understanding of “God”, how much help does he give humanity? How involved is he in our troubles?