

God's Church Matters – *Ephesians 3*
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God's Church matters because...

1. The Church serves as the greatest example of God's **grace** and **salvation** to His creation. **(3:1-9)**
 - A. The Church is God's instrument for creating disciples and worshipers of God. (3:8)
 - B. The Church is God's instrument in completing His plan for His creation. (3:9)

2. The Church serves as "Exhibit A" of God's **wisdom** to the heavenly realm. **(3:10-11)**
 - A. God has a much bigger audience for the Church than just the nations of the Earth. (3:10)
 - B. The Church was always in God the Father's sovereign plan for God the Son. (3:11)

3. The Church serves as the clearest example of God's **love** and **care** for His children. **(3:12-19)**
 - A. The Church has received unhindered access to God's spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ.
 - B. The Church has received every necessary gift for their spiritual growth and success through the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:1-6	Church Membership Matters Church Unity and Fellowship Matter
Ephesians 4:7, 11-12	Church Leadership Matters
Ephesians 4:13-16	Church Growth Matters
Ephesians 4:17-6:24	Church Ministry Matters

4. The Church serves as an eternal example of God's **power** and **glory**. (3:20-21)
 - A. God's power is at work within each Christian. (3:20)
 - B. The Church's primary calling is to glorify God. (3:21)

Big Idea: *Every facet of the Church matters greatly to God.*

Questions & Application

1. Are you **growing spiritually** as a Christian?
2. Do you truly **believe** that God's Church matters?
3. If so, are you **"all in"** as a member of God's Church?
4. Are you **a committed and faithful member of a local church** within the broader arena of God's universal Church?
5. How are you **helping Open Door Bible Church to grow spiritually**?