

THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S PLAN

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God gave me the responsibility of bringing his grace to you. He let me understand the mystery of his plan through a revelation... and the mystery about Christ. In past generations this mystery was not known by people. But now God's Spirit has revealed his plan through his apostles and prophets. Ephesians 3:2-4 (GW)

THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY IN 5 ACTS

ACT 1: God _____

- **To Reveal** _____

Everything comes from God and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. Romans 11:36

- **To Express** _____

The Lord is merciful and compassionate... filled with unfailing love. The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation. Psalm 145:8-9

- **To Form** _____

God chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession. James 1:18

ACT 2: Adam _____

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. Romans 5:12

We've all sinned and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us. Romans 3:23 (Msg)

For creation was condemned to lose its purpose... Yet there was the hope that creation itself would one day be set free from its slavery to decay and would share the glorious freedom of the children of God. Romans 8:20-21(GN)

Consequences Of Sin:

Death, Brokenness, Loss Of Purpose

ACT 3: Jesus _____

He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God. Romans 4:25

ACT 4: God Gives Us _____

God isn't really being slow about his promised return, even though it sometimes seems that way. But he is waiting, for the good reason that he is not willing that any should perish, and he is giving more time for sinners to repent. 2 Peter 3:9 TLB

Today I am giving you a choice between life and death. Deuteronomy 30:15

ACT 5: Jesus Returns For _____

Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. 1 Thessalonians 5:10-11

All creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Romans 8:19

Bring us back to you, God — we're ready to come back. Give us a fresh start. Lamentations 5:21 (Msg)

*All scriptures from NLT unless otherwise noted