

*Ephesians 3:20*

1. God’s Plan leads us To the Cross

* God’s original plan for man was perfect relationship
* Sin ruined the relationship
* But God had a plan to deal with sin even before it happened; Genesis 3:15
* The Old Testament often shows us pictures of God’s great plan to redeem mankind through Christ’s sacrifice: (Genesis 7) Noah’s Ark, (Genesis 22) Abraham’s offering of Isaac, (Exodus 12) The Passover and the lamb’s blood all point to Jesus, the perfect Deliverer and Sacrifice
* All pointed the way to the Cross; John 1:29-34
* Jesus forgives our sin and restores our lost relationship; Romans 5:8-11

2. God’s Plan leads us Through the Cross

* The Cross is not the End! As if Christ’s death and Resurrection were not enough, Jesus shows us the Cross was just the Beginning
* God’s plan is to do Infinitely More in and through us
* Even before Jesus began His 3.5 yr ministry journey, His plan to send you and me the Holy Spirit had already been in place; John 1:33-34
* His journey To and Through the Cross was for more than just getting us to heaven.
* His plan? Empower us to accomplish Infinitely More than we could ever ask, think, or imagine!

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