A blue wooden building with a white door and windows, situated on a wooden pier extending into a body of water. The sky is a deep teal color, and the water is a lighter teal. A white horizontal bar is visible in the top right corner, and a white plus sign is in the bottom right corner.

MINNESOTA... 'YOU BETCHA!'
MY PLACE - CALL
MY PACE - RYHTHM
MY RACE - FINISH WELL!

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SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning..

Genesis 1:26-28
The mandate to take dominion of the earth

John 1:1-5 The creation through Jesus Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 The ministry of reconciliation

Revelation 22:3-5 All things made new

INTRODUCTION

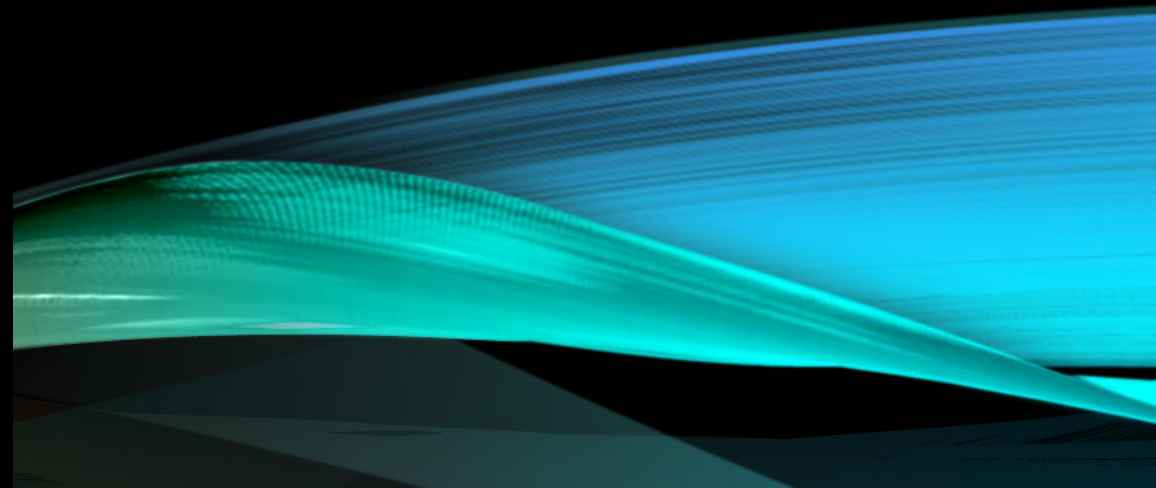
- Good to step back and see the “big picture”
- What is God doing in the Universe and, especially on the Earth?
- A look at God’s Grand Plan.....the BIG PICTURE

Frog at bottom of the well....
Very limited view.





WATCHING A PARADE
THROUGH A
KNOTHOLE...DOESN'T
MAKE SENSE...



IN THE
BEGINNING
... GOD
CREATED

God Created the
Universe through Jesus
Christ (John 1)

God gave us a mandate
to rule over the earth
(Genesis 1:26-28)

THROUGH CHRIST...

He created the Universe

In Him "Logos" resides Life itself
"Zoe"

Jesus created...and He holds
everything together (Col. 1:15-17)





Betelgeuse



Antares

Jupiter is invisible at this scale

Sun (1 pixel)

Sirius

Pollux

Arcturus



Rigel



Aldebaran



Sun



Sirius



Pollux



Arcturus

Jupiter is about 1 pixel in size

Earth is invisible at this scale

Sun

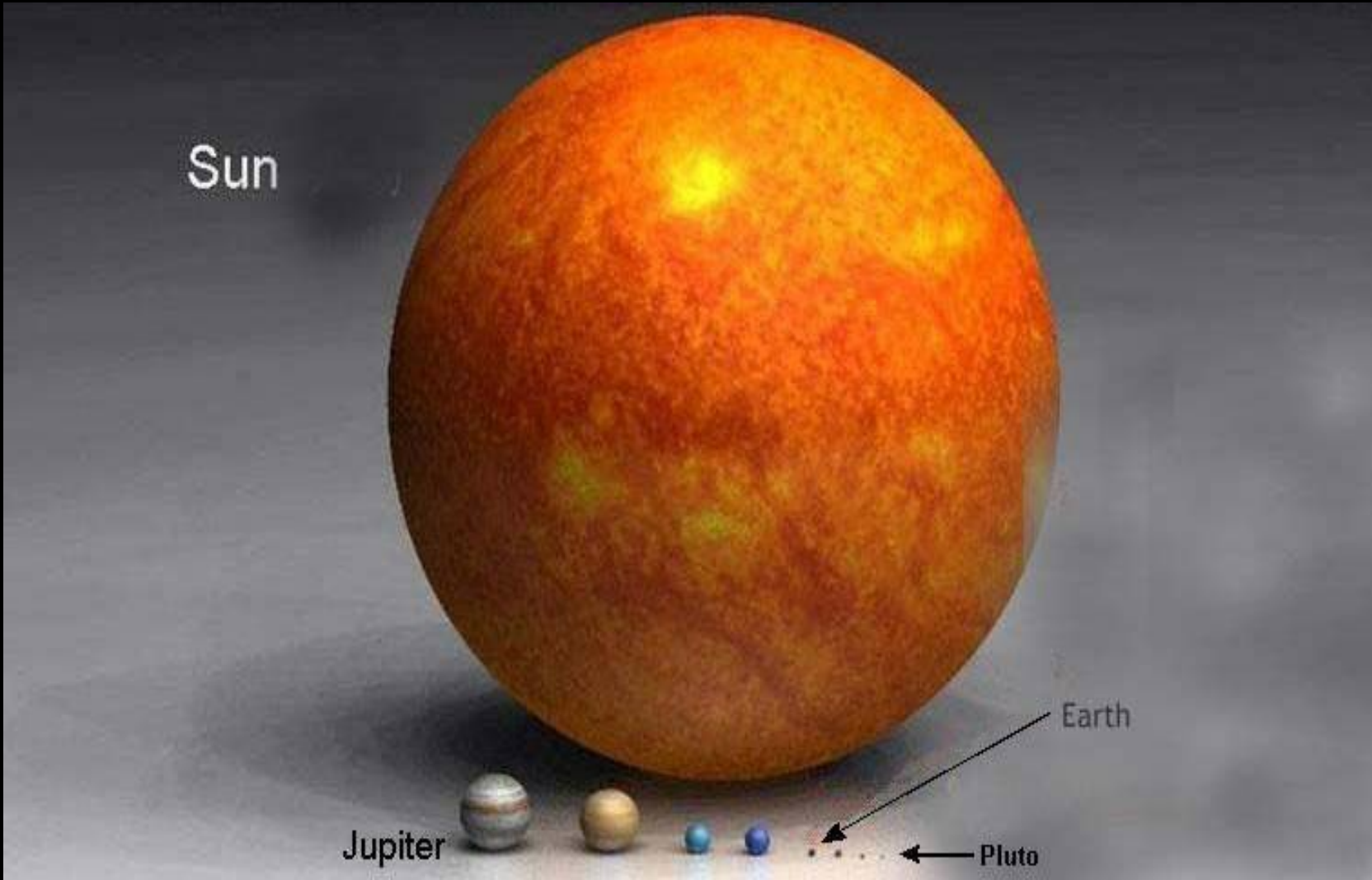


Jupiter



Earth

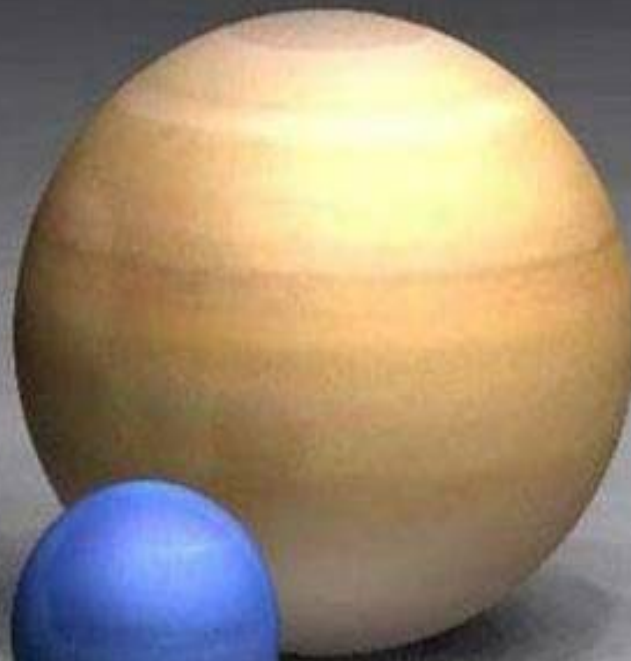
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Jupiter



Saturn



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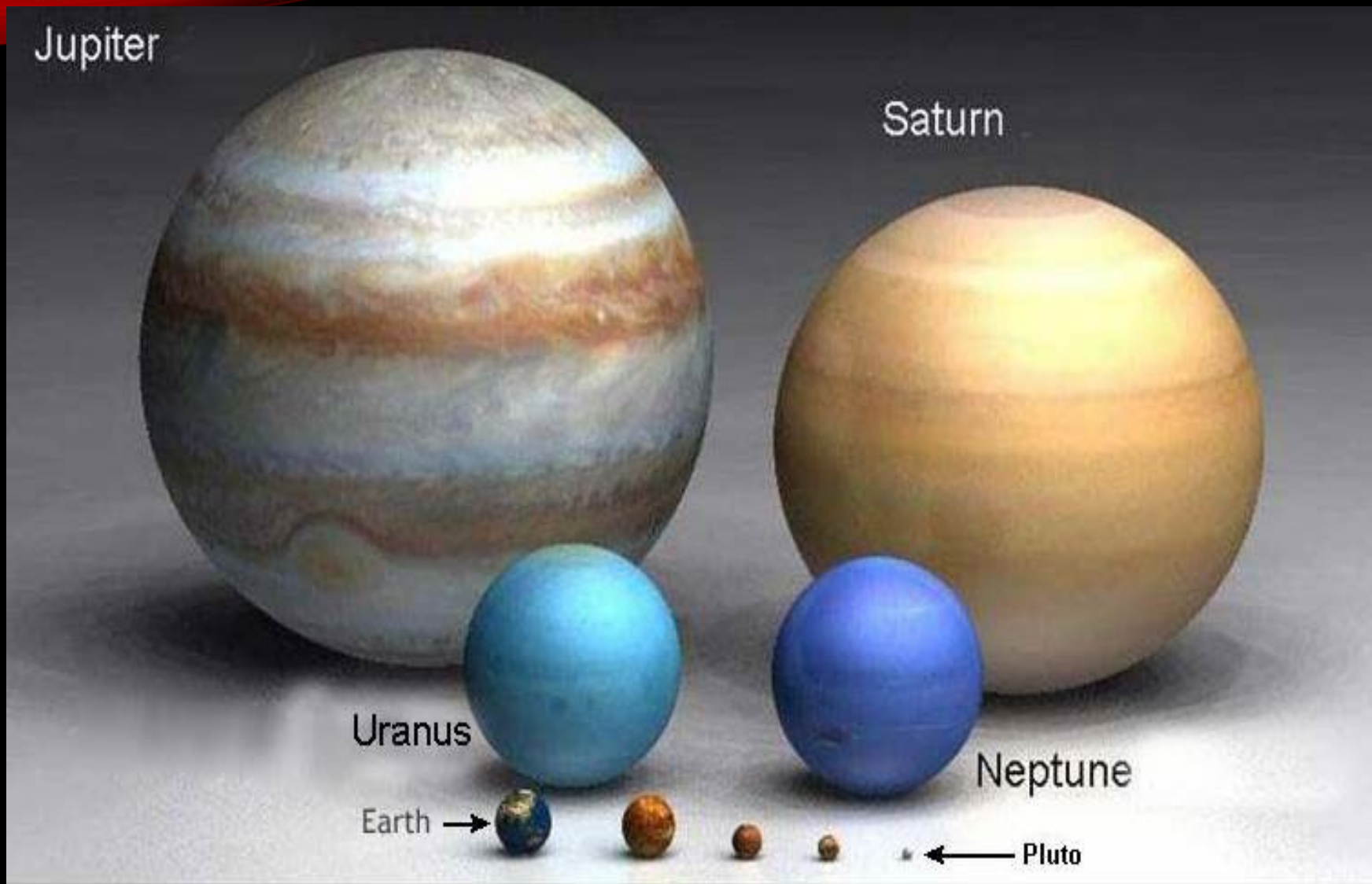
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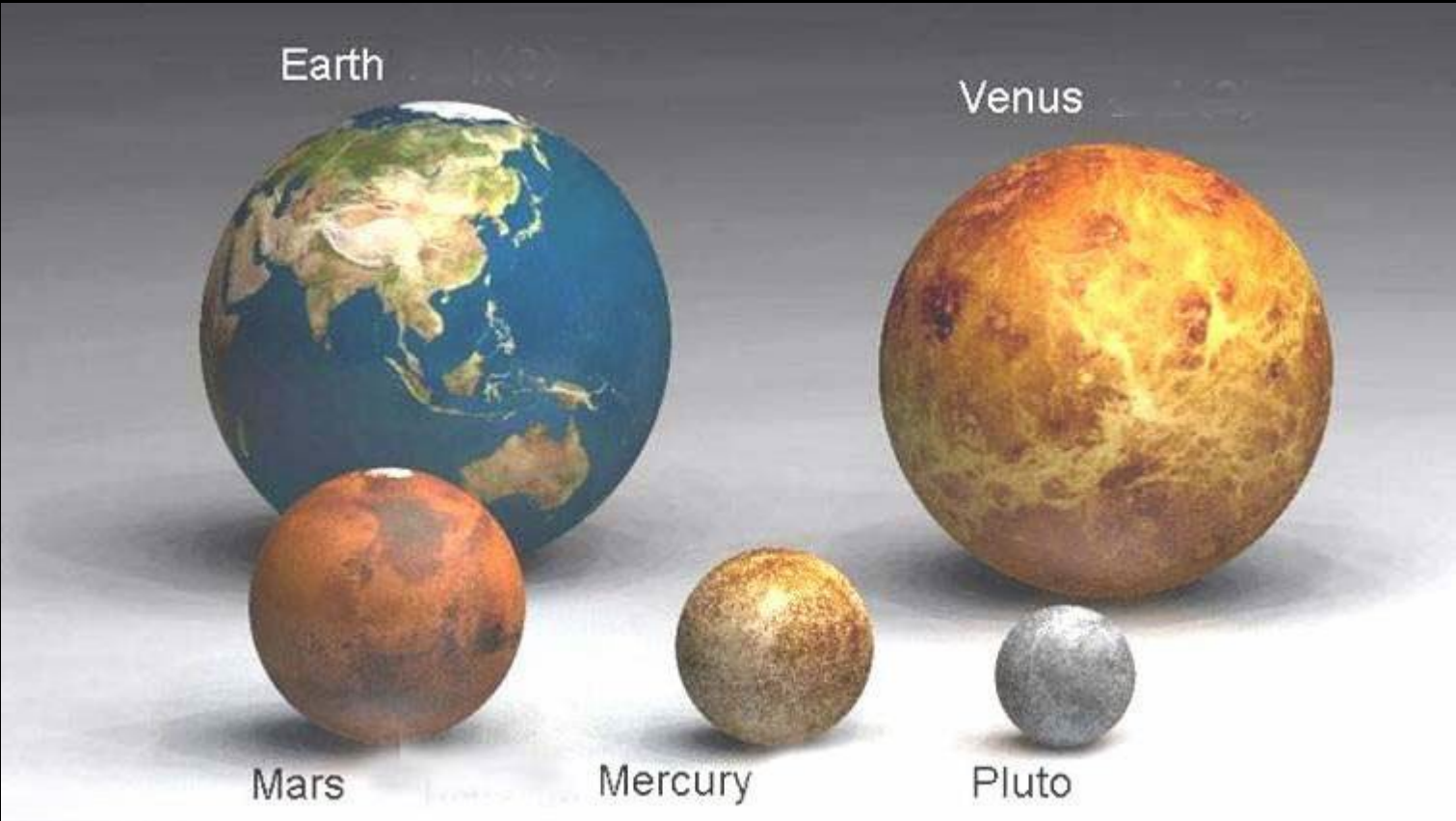


Earth



Pluto





Earth

Venus

Mars

Mercury

Pluto





DOMINION MANDATE

HOW ARE YOU DOING “RULING” YOUR KINGDOM?”



BODY



MIND



EMOTIONS



RELATIONSHIPS



SPIRITUAL LIFE



FINANCES



DESK





THEN... SIN ENTERS IN

- See Genesis 2-3
- A disaster
- Humans used their “freedom” to choose not to trust God



GOD'S PROJECT ON EARTH.. REDEMPTION (GEN. 3:15)

Children of Israel? No...it was THROUGH you all of the nations and inhabitants of the earth will be blessed (Genesis 22:18)

Christianity is not the project

God's Project is His Redemptive March through history!

God activated His plan to bring a Redeemer

FULFILLMENT IN JESUS CHRIST

Promise

Birth


Life

Death

Resurrection

Ascension

Promise of
Return

A photograph of three wooden crosses on a grassy hill at sunset. The sky is a vibrant orange and yellow, with a bright sun low on the horizon. The crosses are silhouetted against the bright light. The image is partially obscured by a black diagonal overlay on the right side.

JESUS FULFILLED HIS
TASK...HE WAS THE
PERFECT SACRIFICE FOR
OUR SINS

- For God so Loved the World...
- He gave His only Son
- John 3:16

FORMATION OF THE CHURCH

This Jesus God has raised up,
of which we all are witnesses.
Therefore having been exalted
to the right hand of God and
having received the promise
of the Holy Spirit from the
Father, He has poured out this
which you both see and hear.

ACTS 2:32-33

- Acts 2
- 2 Cor. 5:17-19



OUR MISSION AS A
CHURCH IN GOD'S
GRAND PLAN

Four blue pencils are arranged diagonally on a light blue background. The pencils are sharpened and have blue paint on their barrels. The background is a light blue surface with a dark blue and black curved border on the right side.

EVANGELISTIC MISSION

- Saving of the Lost
- Giving witness to our Faith
- Proclaim the Good News!
- Reach out to our community
- Bring the Kingdom of God to the places where we are....every day!

DISCIPLESHIP MISSION

- Healing of the Saved...Discipleship
- Grow in Christ...knowledge and grace
- Love one another
- Serve one another
- Grow up!
- Maturity
- Formation of our Spirit into the Likeness of Christ (Romans 8:28-29)

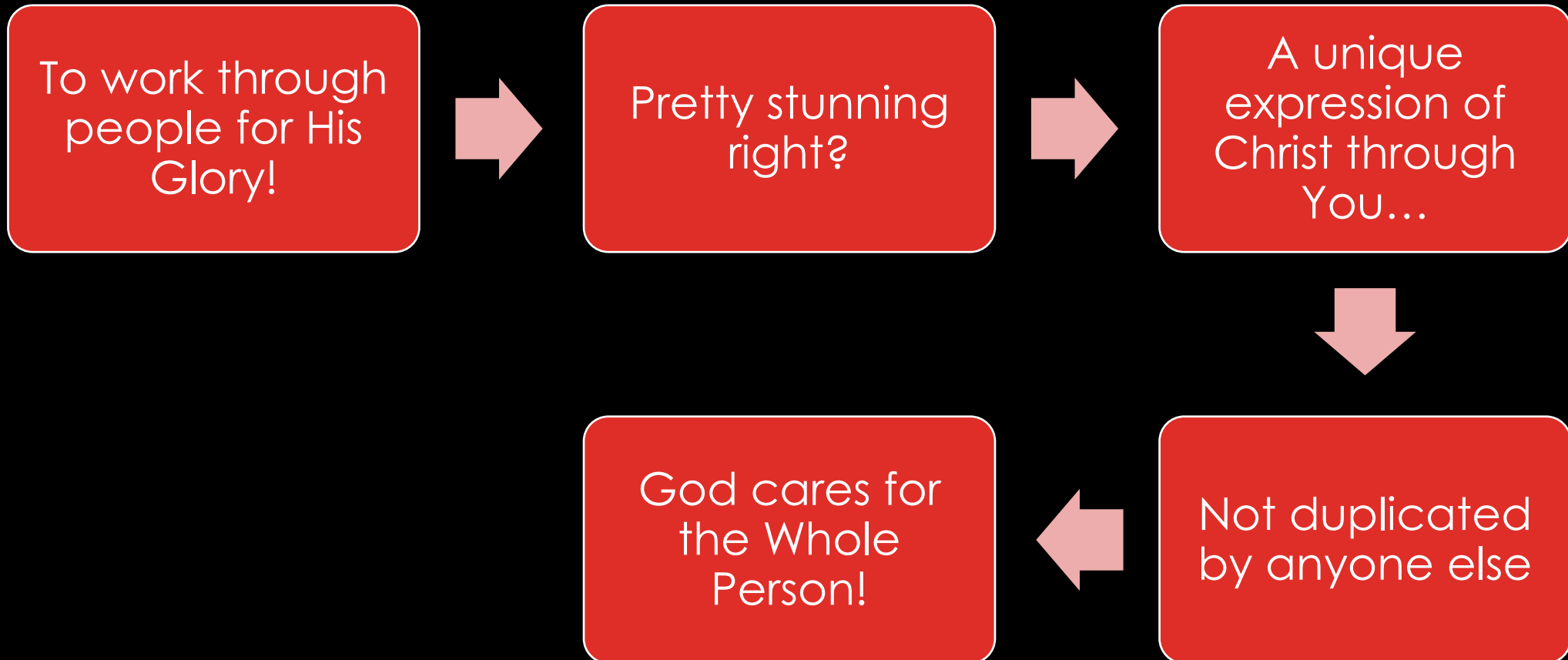


BRINGING THE
KINGDOM OF
GOD...NOW

CREATED IN CHRIST
JESUS TO DO GOOD
WORKS.. EPH. 2:10



GOD CHOOSES



SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:11-13
Jesus gave pastors
and teachers

1 Timothy 3:1-13
Qualifications of
pastors/elders

Titus 1:5-9
Qualifications of
pastors/elders



INTRODUCTION

Why do we need Pastors?

What qualifies one to be a Pastor?

How should a Church treat their pastor?

BRIEF
BACKGROUND
OF THE
“SHEPHERD-
PASTOR”

Overseer

Elder

Pastor

Shepherd

Bishop (see
Acts 20:17,
28)

A photograph of a shepherd in a dark jacket and hat, standing in a grassy field with a large flock of sheep. A black dog is also visible. The background shows rolling green hills and trees under a slightly hazy sky. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

SHEPHERD GOD'S FLOCK

OUR JOB AS PASTORS

www.PastorProse.com

SO...DO YOU
STILL WANT TO
BE A PASTOR?
DID I ALSO
MENTION THAT
YOU ARE A.....

- General Practitioner
- Scholar
- Interpersonal Relations Specialist
- Community Problem Solver
- Educator
- Subculture Specialist
- Church Politician
- Mental Health Specialist

QUALIFICATIONS OF A PASTOR... TIMOTHY AND TITUS; ARE YOU....

- Above Reproach
- Positive Reputation (In and Outside the Church)
- Husband of one wife
- Orderly family
- Sober minded
- Self-controlled
- Hospitable
- Able to teach
- Faithful to sound doctrine
- Peaceable
- Gracious
- Forbearing
- Gentle




IDENTITY AS A PASTOR

- We are not the 'Groom'
- We are the 'best man' to the Groom
- Avoid the 'cult of celebrity'
- The pastor is the attendant of the bridegroom and the church is the bride.
- Jesus Christ ALONE is the Bridegroom (we are his assistant)
- Avoid trying to be a 'Rock Star' Pastor!



RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH TO THE PASTOR

- Pay the Preacher Galatians 6:6. “If you receive instruction in the Word, you should share all good things with his instructor”
 - “What you sow...you will reap”
- Honor 1 Timothy 5:17-18 “Give double honor to those who preach and teach...the worker deserves his pay.”
- Avoidance of gossip. 1 Timothy 5:19 “Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.”
- Loyalty
- Support
- Unity



TIMOTHY AND
TITUS: WHAT
SHOULD THE
CHURCH
EXPECT FROM
YOU?

- Purity
- Integrity
- Faithfully preach and teach the Word
- Care for the souls of the Church



RISKS AND REWARD OF BEING A PASTOR

BACK TO THE BEGINNING



OVERVIEW OF THE WEEK

- THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR –SHEPHERD
- DEFINE YOUR PLACE
- REFINE YOUR PACE
- FINISH YOUR RACE
- GET HEALTHY
- GUARD YOUR HEART
- FIND A FRIEND



The image features a dark background with abstract, flowing shapes in red and blue. A thin vertical white line is positioned to the left of the word 'AMEN'.

AMEN