Jesus is God’s Eternal Purpose

The fellowship of God and man is realized in the person of Jesus, and the church is the place where God’s fellowship with mankind is consummated because the church is the body of Christ. “Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually” (1 Corinthians 12:27). God’s eternal purpose was to unite all mankind into one body in Christ and reconcile them to Himself in the church of Christ where God could dwell with them.

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one... that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross... Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but... members of the household of God... Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone... in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit (Ephesians 2:14-22).

Fellowship with God was lost when Adam sinned in the garden. Jesus restores what sin destroyed so that God may live anew with His creation. To be a member of the body of Christ is to be part of a group of people who are displaying true Christ-like attributes in their lives. It is to know God-With-Us in His Son, Jesus. The Lord’s Supper symbolizes this; it is not only a memorial, but a declaration of fellowship with God and with one another. “The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.” (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). God bless you and I love you.

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