

## **ABOUT THE CHURCH**

**Ephesians 3:1-11; 4:7-16**

**Introduction:** This message is the last message a pastor preached to his church family before leaving however it is one that can be preached to any church at about any time. It points out the purpose of the church.

### **I. THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH (Ephesians 3:1-11)**

1. The New Testament has two important mountain peaks described:
  - The crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Between the two mountain peaks lies God's greatest secret:
  - The Church!
3. The composition of the Church is made up of born again people.
  - Saved by grace and faith.

### **II. THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH**

1. The purpose of the Church is to bring people to God for eternal fellowship.
2. The purpose of the Church is to teach the believers God's Word, what God desires.
3. The purpose of the Church is fellowship with God's family, as a Family.

### **III. THE EQUIPPING OF THE CHURCH (Ephesians 4:7-16)**

1. God gave His Church His Holy Word.
2. God gave His Church His Holy Spirit who gives gifts.
3. God gave His Church pastors-teachers.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. The purpose of the Church is to win - teach - fellowship.
2. There must be a balance maintained between the three purposes of the Church.
3. Until the other "mountain peak" (Jesus' return), the Church will stay in the "valley" and do its work.
4. One day the Church age will end and all believers will be together again.