
Messy Church Series

Laying A Foundation
1 Corinthians 1:1-9



Corinth. Athens



1. LOVED GNOSIS

(KNOWLEDGE) AND SOPHIA

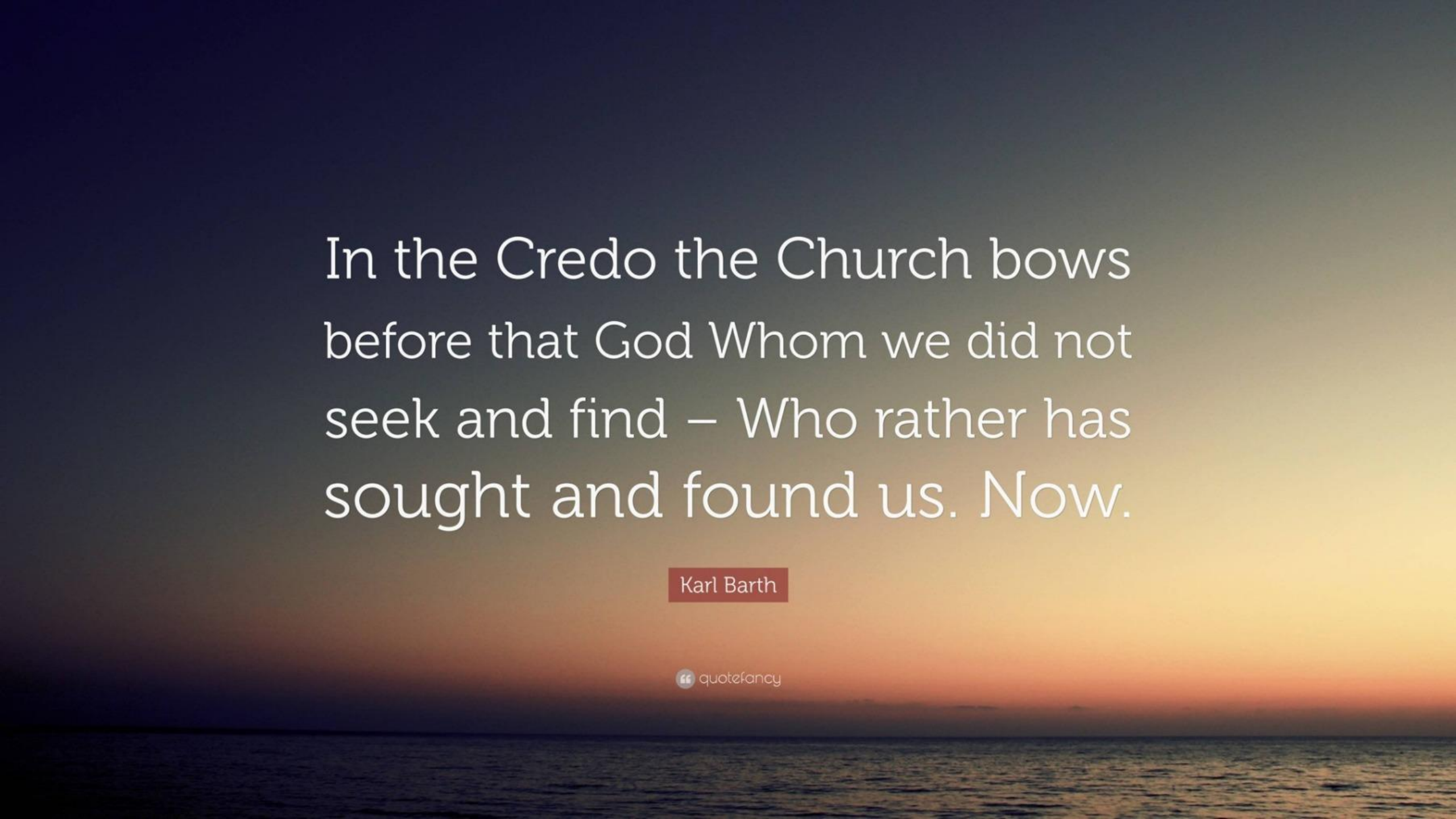
(WISDOM)

2. WAS THE CITY OF TEMPLES

3. SAW THE PHYSICAL WORLD
AS EVIL

4. PEOPLE ARE NOT CREATED
EQUAL (HIERARCHICAL
SOCIETY)

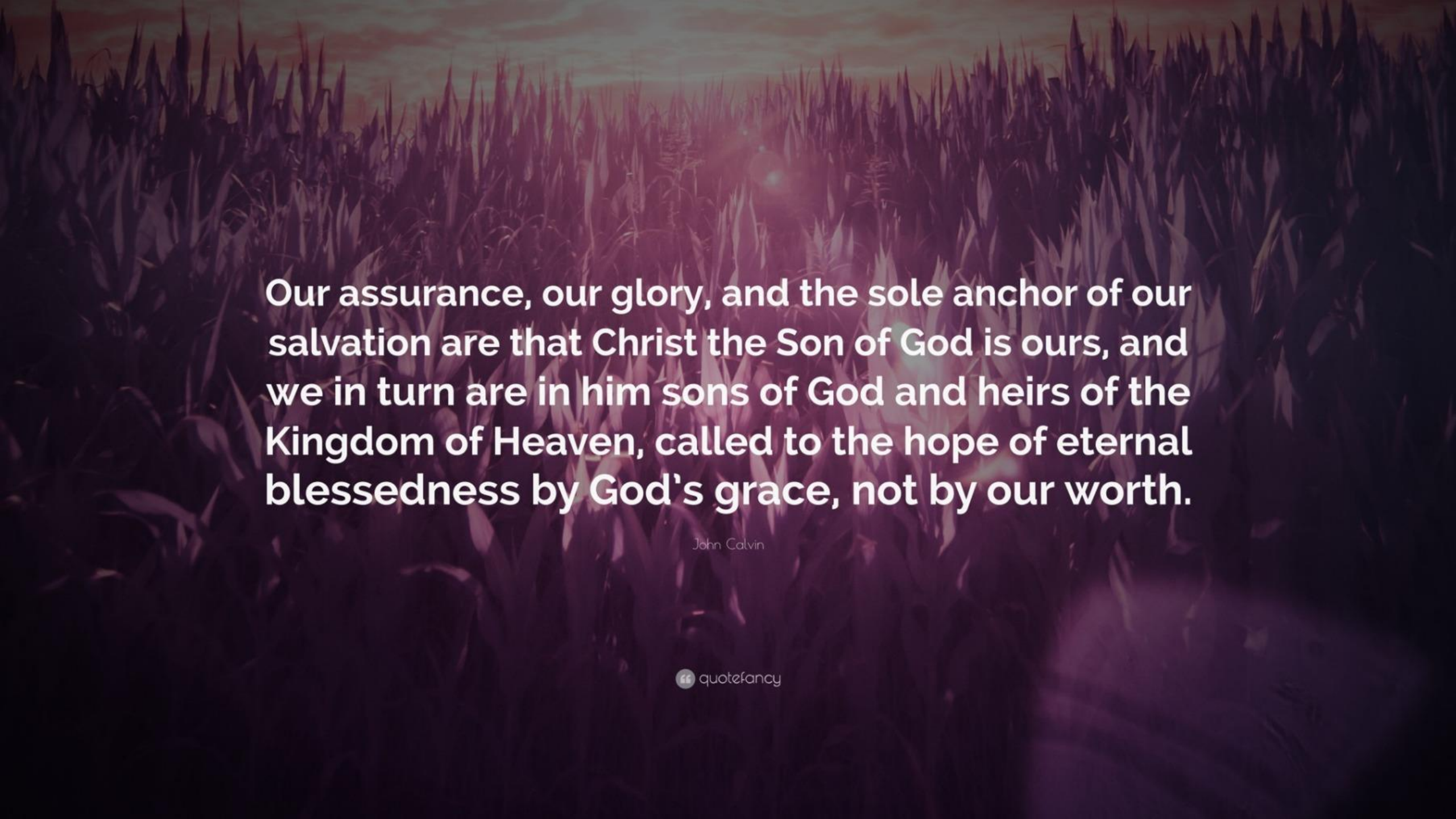
The Centrality Of Grace



In the Credo the Church bows
before that God Whom we did not
seek and find – Who rather has
sought and found us. Now.

Karl Barth

“ quote fancy


A photograph of a cornfield at sunset. The corn stalks are tall and dense, filling the foreground and middle ground. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Our assurance, our glory, and the sole anchor of our salvation are that Christ the Son of God is ours, and we in turn are in him sons of God and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven, called to the hope of eternal blessedness by God's grace, not by our worth.

John Calvin

Witnessing Christ

The Church's Call



We are saved by faith
alone, but the faith that
saves is never alone.

Martin Luther

**...THEY—ALONG WITH ALL OTHER
CHRISTIANS—ARE SET APART
FROM A CONFUSED AND
PERISHING WORLD, MARKED BY
GOD AS GOD'S PEOPLE.**

**PAUL REGARDS ALL THE MEMBERS
OF ALL HIS CHURCHES AS “THE
SAINTS,” THE ELECT OF GOD.
THUS, HE AND HIS READERS ARE
CAUGHT UP IN A COSMIC DRAMA,**

**AND THEY MUST PLAY A
DISTINCTIVE ROLE IN GOD'S
ACTION TO RESCUE THE WORLD.**


- RICHARD HAYS

The Real Church

**[THE CHURCH] IS NOT AN IDEAL WHICH
WE MUST REALIZE; IT IS RATHER A
REALITY CREATED BY GOD IN CHRIST IN
WHICH WE MAY PARTICIPATE.**

- DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

The Centrality Of Jesus Christ

A person is shown from the waist up, playing an acoustic guitar. They are wearing a dark jacket and a blue shirt. The background is a warm, orange-toned wall. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark rectangle containing white text.

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GOSPEL OF FOLLOWING YOUR DREAMS AND
BEING GOOD SO GOD WILL MAKE ALL YOUR
DREAMS COME TRUE. BUT THIS HAS NOTHING
TO DO WITH THE GOD OF THE BIBLE."

Michael Horton

The mainline Churches, really the Christian Church in general, needs a new Reformation. We need an awakening. We need a fresh visitation of the Holy Spirit. The mainline Churches must return to the preaching of the Cross and the centrality of Christ, or the little bit that is left will die too.

-Kevin Johnson



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