Blueprint: God’s Plan for the Church

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A. In reality, there is a lot of __________ and __________ in our world regarding religious things.
   1. Did you know that a huge percentage of Americans wake up on Sunday morning and say, “Church? Why _________?”

B. The church is the creation of God and will always have a _______ place in the _______ of God and the _______ of God in the world (Eph. 1:22-23)

C. When Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ the Son of living God, Jesus declared, “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this _______ I will _________ my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” (Mt 16:18)
   1. About one year later, on the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached the gospel and those who accepted his message were __________, and about 3000 were added to their number that day. (Acts 2:41)
   2. To what church was the Lord adding them? The church that Jesus _______ and _______.

D. Satan has tried to do all kinds of things to __________ and _________ the church.
   1. His first attempt to destroy the church was through __________ (Acts 8:4).
   2. His second attempt to destroy the church is through __________ and __________ (2 Tim 4:3).

E. The people of God have often found themselves at the ________ (Josh. 24:15; 1 Kings 18:21; Jn. 6:60).

F. We must make a choice between two basic __________ about Christianity.
   1. One approach understands that God has given a specific ________ for the church found in Scripture.
   2. The other approach alleges that the Christian religion was never designed to be ________.

G. The fact is, the Bible teaches that when the Creator establishes a system of religion, its __________ and __________ remain intact for as long as the covenant lasts. (Gal. 3:23-25)

H. Let’s look at a few New Testament texts that embrace the notion that the church must __________ to _________ to the original doctrine of Christ (Acts 2:42; Rom. 6:17, 16:17; 1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim. 1:13, 2:2).

I. Such is our challenge today: Will we continue to strive to be the church that _______ ________, or will be abandon our anchor and be tossed back and forth by the waves and blown here and there by every wind of __________ (Eph. 4:14).

J. We must simply __________ the ___________. (Gen. 6:22, 7:5)

K. In the end, we are still __________, saved by _______ through _______.(Eph. 2:8)

Answer Key:  A. Confusion, indifference.  A.1. bother.  B. central, will, work.  C. rock, build.  