

THE CHURCH

Our Riches in Christ : Study in Ephesians, Part 11

Ephesians 3:10-11

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Sermon Notes

- I. What are some world views that have been offered through the ages?

There are those who ...

A. Suggest that life on earth is *meaningless*.

B. Advocate a *pessimistic* world view.

C. Advocate an *optimistic* world view.

However...

D. God's people are called to have a *Biblical* world view.
(cf. Rom. 12:2; II Pet. 1:3)

- II. Christianity and salvation in and through Christ is the supreme, highest expression of the wisdom of God.

A. Wisdom is the application of *knowledge*.

B. Wisdom is essential to good *leadership*.
(cf. Jam. 1:5; Prov. 1:1-4)

- C. What is one way God has illustrated His knowledge and supreme wisdom in leading His Kingdom?

1. Through the *Church*. (Eph. 3:10)

2. Through the church, God is making His wisdom known to all and especially to His heavenly *angels*. (v.10).

3. Through the Church the angels, the powers/ principalities of heaven (cherubim/seraphim of Revelation?) are discovering a whole new facet of the *wisdom* of God.

- III. How is the Church an illustration of God's supreme wisdom?
First, the problem...

A. The greatest problem facing mankind today is *sin*.

B. Another aspect of this problem is how to resolve it in light of God's *love* as well as His *justice*.

C. God's answer of the *Gospel* demonstrates His wisdom.
This is illustrated through the Church.



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