

# The Church In The Wisdom Of God

## (Ephesians 3:10-11)

- Introduction:
1. The church is often maligned today by people within and without.
  2. However, Scripture presents a vastly different view of the church.
    - a. It is the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23).
    - b. It is the manifold wisdom of God (Ephesians 3:10).
  3. In this lesson, we will examine ways in which the church exhibits God's wisdom.

### I. Man's Need For Salvation

- A. (Genesis 3:1-24) Man sinned and from the beginning needed salvation from its penalty.
- B. (1 Peter 1:10-12) The prophets & angels desired to know how God was going to justify fallen mankind.
- C. (Ephesians 3:1-13) Presents the revelation of the great mystery of the ages.

### II. The Wisdom Of God -vs- The Wisdom Of Man

- A. (1 Corinthians 1:18-21, 25-29).
- B. Let us now contrast the wisdom of God with man's wisdom in reference to the church.
  1. Wisdom Seen In The Terms Of Entrance.
    - a. (John 3:3,5).
    - b. (Acts 2:36-38).
    - c. (1 Corinthians 15:1-3; Romans 6:1-4, 17-18).
  2. Wisdom Seen In Its Worship.
    - a. (Hebrews 10:24-25).
    - b. (John 4:23-24).
    - c. Five acts (Sing, Teach, Pray, Commune, Give).
    - d. (Isaiah 6:1-8) Awe, humility, purification, service.
  3. Wisdom Seen In Its Organization.
    - a. (Philippians 1:1) Bishops, deacons, saints.
    - b. (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9).
  4. Wisdom Seen In Its Nature.
    - a. (Isaiah 11:1-9).
    - b. (Ephesians 3:6).
    - c. (Galatians 3:28).
  5. Wisdom Seen In Its Planning & Preparation.
    - a. (Isaiah 2:2-3).
    - b. (Daniel 2:44).
    - c. (Ephesians 3:10-11).
  6. Wisdom Seen In Its High Moral Standard.
    - a. (Titus 2:11-12).
    - b. (Matthew 5:3-12).
    - c. (Galatians 5:22-23).