

Showcase

Ephesians 3:10 “To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,”

What a marvelous thought! Paul has just elaborated on the wonder of the Gentiles being included in the salvation and grace of God and finishes with this statement of purpose. We are saved as an illustration of the Lord’s great and perfect wisdom.

Paul in other passages cites his experience as an example of the powerful grace of God, and calls for us to be “ambassadors for Christ.” He calls on us to be examples of the believer and be illustrations of Christ before the world. This text is a very different point.

According to this verse in Ephesians, we, as the church, are a demonstration of the wisdom of God to the heavenly beings. The angels and spiritual powers in eternity see and understand better the greatness of our God by the “manifold wisdom” of the perfection of His redemption of the church, His bride! Think of it! We not only represent our Lord to a lost and dying world, but we also show the marvelous perfection of His plan to a heavenly host of angelic beings!

What a lofty and noble calling! What a humbling understanding of grace! This is our call, our purpose, our direction: to walk worthy of this great and wonderful salvation and so fulfill this purpose. We have lofty views of angelic hosts and envy their presence with the Father, but they gain understanding of God through His marvelous work in transforming us into the image of Christ!

Let us “walk worthy of the vocation wherewith [we] are called!”