

A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR A GREAT CHURCH

God Uses Suffering for His Eternal Purpose

Ephesians 3:10-13

Every Christian must understand the _____ of the church.

Ephesians 3:10

God's wisdom is _____ - _____.

Manifold: (polypoikilos) _____ or many _____.

The same root word is seen in the following verses.

Matthew 4:24; 1 Peter 4:10

The _____ reveals God's manifold _____:

To _____ angels

1 Timothy 3:16

To _____ angels – _____ and his _____

Ephesians 2:2; Colossians 2:15

Ephesians 6:12

To the _____ around Christ

Hebrews 12:18-24

In _____, God determined to make His wisdom known to angels through the church.

Ephesians 3:11; 1 Corinthians 4:9

God's _____ was to make His wisdom known to men and angels.

Ephesians 1:3-4

The _____ of God is made known to angels through the church in at least six key ways.

1. _____ among the _____ (Christians)

Ephesians 3:6, 10

2. The salvation of _____.

Luke 15:10

3. The _____ of the _____.

1 Peter 1:12

4. The _____ of _____.

Hebrews 13:1-2

5. Proper _____ in the _____

1 Timothy 5:19-21

6. Proper _____ order: Husband as _____ and wife as his _____.

1 Corinthians 11:8-10

Jesus Christ gives His church (Christians) three key _____.

Ephesians 3:12

1. **Boldness:** literally _____ of _____
Ephesians 6:19-20; Philippians 1:20; Acts 4:31

2. **Access:** formal _____ into the presence of a _____.

Ephesians 2:18; Hebrews 4:16

3. **Confidence:** _____ and _____
2 Corinthians 3:3-4

These _____ come to Christians through faith in Jesus Christ for the purpose of _____ to men and angels.

Christian _____ is never _____.

Ephesians 3:13; Philippians 1:12

Sometimes suffering works _____ as some Christians _____ – i.e. to become discouraged or to behave badly.

2 Corinthians 4:1-2; Galatians 6:8-9

Sometimes suffering works _____ as some Christians serve Christ more _____.

Colossians 1:24; 2 Corinthians 1:6

Sufferings are an integral part of the _____ of the _____.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10