

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Making Known the Wisdom of God
Ephesians 3:8–10

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Eph. 3:7, “of which [the gospel, vs. 6] I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.”

THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

PHASE ONE



Justification

**Saved from
Penalty of Sin**

“You were saved”

PHASE TWO

**Spiritual
Life**

Text

**Saved from
Power of Sin**

“You are being saved”

PHASE THREE

Glorification



**Saved from
Presence of Sin**

“You will be saved”

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Eph. 3:9, “and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

Eph. 3:10, “to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,”

Eph. 3:11, “according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Eph. 3:12, “in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

Eph. 3:13, “Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.”

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“... to the praise of the glory of His grace ...” 1:6a

“... the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints ...” 1:18b

“... the exceeding greatness of His power ...” 1:19a

“... the working of His mighty power ...” 1:19b

“... God, Who is rich in mercy ...” 2:4a

“... because of His great love with which He loved us ...” 2:4b

“... by [God’s] grace ...” 2:5b

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**ἀρχή *archē* fem plur dat
principalities; ruler,
realm, rule; power**

**ἐξουσία *exousia*
fem plur dat
authority, power;
ruling power, root
has the idea of one
who has the
freedom to choose,
i.e., the authority**

Eph. 3:10, “For the purpose that the multifaceted wisdom of God might be made known now to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms” [~RD]

Wisdom

חָכָם *chakham* Adjective masc plur constr
wise

Ex. 28:3, “So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron’s garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.”

Ex. 35:25, “All the women who were gifted artisans spun yarn with their hands, and brought what they had spun, of blue, purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.”

Ex. 36:1, “And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whom the LORD has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the LORD has commanded.”

Gen. 41:8, “Now it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.”

Gen. 41:33, “Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt.”

Gen. 41:39, “Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you.’ ”

James 1:5, “But if anyone is deficient in wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without reprimand, and it will be given to him.”

**Eph. 2:10, “For we are His workmanship
[*poiema*—craftsmanship, work of art,
artistic masterpiece], created in Christ
Jesus for good works, which God prepared
beforehand that we should walk in them.”**

Three things stand out with this usage

- 1. God is creating a masterpiece, Eph. 2:10, that masterpiece is the uniting together of Jew and Gentile equally in one new Body designated as the Body of Christ. But also identified in Eph. 2:11–22 as a new man, a new household, and a new Temple.**

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a. The Work of Christ: the usage in 1 Corinthians draws our attention to God's wisdom of the plan of salvation.

1 Cor. 1:23, “but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

1 Cor. 1:24, “but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

1 Cor. 1:30, “But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—”

1 Cor. 2:7, “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,”

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- 2. Wisdom is another term used to identify Christ. This incorporates several things.**
 - a. The body of Christ the Church, never before seen in history, not anticipated.**
 - b. The grace of God in this Church Age.**

Eph. 3:12, “in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.”