

## What The Angels Saw

Ephesians 3:10, "... to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly (places) might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God"

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- ▶ Angels' interest in God's redemptive plan. 1 Peter 1:12; Luke 15:7, 10
- ▶ Angels witness what occurs among men. 1 Corinthians 4:9; cf. Hebrews 12:22

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### How God Saves Men.

- ▶ Jesus left the glory of heaven to become flesh. Philippians 2:5-7; Hebrews 2:9-16
- ▶ Jesus tempted, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15
- ▶ Jesus shed his blood for our redemption. Romans 3:19-26; Revelation 5:9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 Corinthians 6:20
- ▶ Eternal plan and purpose of God. 2 Timothy 1:9; Ephesians 3:11

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### What God Can Do With Sin Defiled Men.

- ▶ All have sinned (Romans 3:23) and worthy of death. (Romans 6:23)
- ▶ Murderers ask for help. Acts 2:37
- ▶ Sorcerers repent. Acts 8:13, 24; Acts 19
- ▶ Fornicators, adulterers, effeminate, homosexuals, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers changed into saints. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- ▶ Carnal men become spiritual. 1 Corinthians 2-3; Galatians 6:1
- ▶ "Chiefest of sinners" turned into an apostle. 1 Timothy 1:13-16; cf. Acts 22:20

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### Jews and Gentiles Reconciled To God In One Body. Ephesians 2:16

- ▶ Wall of alienation broken down. cf. Colossians 2:14-16

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### The Beginning Of The Church.

- ▶ Foretold by the prophets.
  - When? "These kings ..." Daniel 2:44
  - Where? "Jerusalem ..." Isaiah 2:2-4
- ▶ Foretold by John the Baptist. Matthew 3:2
- ▶ Foretold by Jesus. Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:16-17; 9:1; Luke 24:47 Luke 24:44ff; Acts 1:6-8
- ▶ Fulfilled. Acts 2:1-4,47; 11:15

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### The Spreading Of The Gospel.

- ▶ Jesus selected the apostles, to carry the gospel to the world. Mark 16:15-16
- Note: Acts 4:13
- ▶ 3,000 – Acts 2:41
- ▶ 5,000 – Acts 4:4
- ▶ “*Multitudes*” – Acts 5:14
- ▶ Everywhere – Acts 8:4; 11:19-20; cf. Colossians 1:23

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### The Organization Of The Church.

- ▶ Each local church autonomous. Acts 14:23; 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2
- ▶ Plurality of elders. Philippians 1:1
  - Qualifications. 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9
- ▶ Deacons. Philippians 1:1
  - Qualifications. 1 Timothy 3:8-13
- ▶ God’s prevention of apostasy.

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- ▶ Worship. John 4:24
- ▶ Morality. Ephesians 4-5
- ▶ Consummation. 1 Corinthians 15:24; Ephesians 5:23-27
- ▶ If the angels praise divine wisdom and glorify Him when they see the church, how much more should we!

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