

Wisdom Displayed



# **Ephesians 3:1-13**

## **Rulers & Authorities in the Heavenly Places**

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These are spiritual forces.

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Christ created and rules over  
these forces.

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God is displaying his wisdom  
to these and to all creation.

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**God displays his wisdom  
through the church.**

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**Local churches display a  
limited vision of the  
universal church.**



# Local Congregations

Mixed groups of  
Christians and  
Non-Christians in  
varying states of  
spiritual maturity.

# Universal Church

All those  
saved by faith  
in Jesus

The church displays the results  
of God's saving work.

The church displays and  
proclaims how God saves.

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Guard the unity of the church.