

God's Creative Genius

- What comes to mind?
- A day of creation?
- Terrain, mountains / waterfalls / rock formations
- The sun, moon, stars
- trees in each season
- beautiful sunset
- Aquarium; Zoo; Insect exhibits; Birds
- Anatomy; Physiology; Chemistry; Physics

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- There is something amazing in the largest and the smallest
- Something awe inspiring everywhere!
- *The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Ps 19:1*
- An Important Consideration: We have to have something to look at to see it.

- *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man — and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Rom 1:20-23*

- His invisible attributes are clearly seen
- understood by the things that are made
- We have to be looking and seeing.
- Not taking for granted.
- Really seeing them for what they are.
- Things that HE made

Praising God for His Greatness

- *Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Eph. 5:20*
- *in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1Th 5:17-18*

We need to be certain we truly see

- *Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Ps 103:1-5*

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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; 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, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, Eph 3:8-11

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- **Manifold**
- *1. much-variegated; marked with a great variety of colors: 2. much varied, manifold... manifesting itself in a great variety of forms...* (Thayer, p. 529; 4182).
- Like a Rainbow or Diamond break down light. Can't see full variety without them.

Rainbow reveals the manifold colors of Light



Church - God's Creative Genius

- The church reveals God's manifold Wisdom
- But not just to us!
- To the principalities and powers in heaven.
- God planned it in eternity.
- Centerpiece of His eternal purpose.
- To show principalities and powers in heavenly places His manifold Wisdom.
- Revealed bits to prophets who sought and searched about the time or manner of time the Spirit in them was pointing to.

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- *To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things which angels desire to look into. 1 Peter 1:12*

God gave Jesus the Plans

- Jesus came to build His church.
- Mt 16:16-18
- He chose and prepared apostles
- He prepared people for three years.
- He suffered and died to purchase the church. Acts 20:28
- He sent the Holy Spirit to completely reveal the plans. Jn 14:26; 16:13-14

Holy Spirit Revealed

- The plans and blueprints of the church are recorded in Scripture.
- When we take those plans and carefully pattern our lives after those plans, God's manifold wisdom shines again.

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- *O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? 35 or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? 36 For of him, and through him, and unto him, are all things. To him (be) the glory for ever. Amen. Rom 11:33-36*

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- *This is the Reason why*
- *Whoever goes onward and does not abide in the teaching of Christ does not have God. 2Jn 9-11*
- *In vain do they worship teaching as doctrines the commands of men. Mt 15:8-9*
- *If we or an angel of heaven preach any other doctrine let them be accursed. Gal 1:6-9*
- *We must learn not to be beyond what is written. 1Cor 4:6*
- *Not every who calls me Lord Lord will enter the Kingdom but only those who do the will of My Father in heaven. Mt 7:21-24*

Church reveals the manifold Wisdom of God

- Only when the members of that church are doing everything exactly as God has revealed. When we do it His way it reflects His wisdom. When we do it our way it is destroyed!



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- *For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. ²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 1 Cor. 1:26-31*

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- *29 that no flesh should glory in His presence. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God — and righteousness and sanctification and redemption — 31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord ."** 1 Cor 1:26-31