

# I can teach you a thing or two!

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Ephesians 3:10-13

## 1. I teach ..... and ..... 3:10-11

"even angels long to look into these things" 1 Peter 1:12

1. God is ..... "God's intention... now..." v10  
". . . . . is the time of God's favour. . . . . is the day of salvation" 2C6:2
2. . . . . is the key v10  
"...not give up meeting . . . . . " Hebrews 10:25
3. . . . . is the answer v10  
1 Cor 1:18-31, but angels celebrate God's wisdom, Luke 10:15
4. God's purpose is . . . . . v11

5. The focus is . . . . . v11  
Jesus is . . . . .

## 2. I teach ..... and ..... 3:12-13

1. Jesus is . . . . . v12  
"In Him, and through faith in Him..."
2. God is . . . . . v12  
"we may approach God with freedom and confidence"  
"I am a God who is near; not a God who is far off." Jeremiah 23:23  
Psalm 16:8, 34:18, 119:151, 145:18, Acts 17:27  
From Position to . . . . .  
"Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance..." Hebrews 10:12  
"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8
3. Suffering is . . . . . v13  
"...you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome..." John 16:33  
"We rejoice in our sufferings because..." Romans 5:3-5  
"Consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials..." James 1:2-5

4. . . . . are accruing v13  
"Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Corinthians 4:7  
I didn't say it would be easy. I said it would be worth it!

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This week I need to be praying for:

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Discussion starters with no wrong answers:

1. Read Ephesians 3:10. List some of God's attributes that angels can learn through the church. Why do you think God uses the church, rather than individuals, or nature?
2. Read Ephesians 3:10. What are some reasons why God wants His wisdom, rather than some other attribute, to be made known? What do you think is meant by "manifold wisdom"? What are some practical ways that we, as a church, can display God's wisdom?
3. Read Ephesians 3:11. Is this verse Past, Present, or Future Tense? What is the "eternal purpose" that was fulfilled in Christ? (Ephesians 3:6 might be a clue) What are some benefits for us today, that this purpose is completed?
4. Read Ephesians 3:12. What sort of relationship does God want us to have with Him? How can we break free of the feeling that we are not close to God?
5. Read Ephesians 3:13. Many people emerge from suffering saying, "I'm a better person now!" Should we seek opportunities to suffer? How can I turn suffering into an advantage?