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Ephesians 2:10

The Workmanship of God

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Believers Are God’s Workmanship

Ephesians 2:10a (NASB)
For we are His workmanship

- The Greek begins “of Him,” an emphatic contrast to “not of you” (Ephesians 2:8)
- “Workmanship” is *poie_ma* as in Romans 1:20 for “creation”
- Paul likely uses this term to emphasize God’s skillful and intelligent design

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A New Creation in Christ

Ephesians 2:10b (NASB)
Created in Christ Jesus

- “Created” is also used in Ephesians 2:15, 3:9 and 4:24 (see also Col. 3:10)
- “In Christ” is thematic in Ephesians
- 2Corinthians 5:17 links “in Christ” to being a new creature
- In Ephesians 2:15 we will see that God is creating “one new man” of believing Jews and Gentiles

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Prepared by God for Good Works

Ephesians 2:10c (NASB)

for good works, which God prepared beforehand

- Ephesians 1:4 told us that He chose us in Him “before” creation
- God’s purpose is that those chosen as His new creation people will be morally good
- “Prepared beforehand” is also found in Romans 9:23 (prepared for glory)

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Changed Lives

Ephesians 2:10d (NASB)

So that we would walk in them

- “So that” is *hina* telling us the purpose of God’s prior preparation
- These God-ordained and prepared works will be described in chapters 4-6
- The term “walk” (*peripateo*) is found in Ephesians 4:1, 17; 5:2, 8, 15

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Who Determines Our Walk?

- Ephesians 2:2 “You formerly walked”
“According to the age of this world”
“According to the prince of the power of the air”

↕ Antithetical Parallelism ↕

- Ephesians 2:10 “That we would walk”
“Created in Christ Jesus for good works”
“Which God prepared beforehand”

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Implications and Applications

- As those who are God’s new creations, we need to live as such
- That we will change is part of God’s eternal plan; how we will change is by God’s ordained means of grace
- Ultimately God works in His people for the praise of His glorious grace

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God’s New Creation People

Ephesians 4:24 (NASB)

and **put on the new self**, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

- **By faith and obedience we “put on” what God has already done through His grace**
- **Vs. 23 shows that this involves new thinking**
- **Righteousness and holiness are communicable attributes of God**

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God Has Provided What We Need

2 Peter 1:3 (NASB)

seeing that His divine power has **granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness** through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

How God Changes Our Lives

The Promise of God

The Provision of God

The Providence of God

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God Changes Lives to His Glory

1 Peter 5:10 (LEB)

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered for a short time, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

- This is God's promise
- Christians suffer now, but future glory awaits (Romans 8:29, 30)
- God will bring us to His intended goal for us

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