

The Message Notes

Message: *Our Service for Christ – Saved for Good Works*

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Text: Ephesians 2:10

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Ephesians 2:10. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (NKJV)

Objective: to understand our **salvation** in Christ, so we can see our **identity** in Christ correctly, so we can do good works.

Review:

1. Our **Status** in Christ comes by v.4-7:

- a) **God's mercy** (restraint), **love** (sacrifice), and **grace** (unmerited favor), **saved us** (forgiven for sin).
- b) **Made us alive** with Christ, **raised us up together** and **seated us together** in **heavenly places**.
- c) **Ages to come** He might **show** the exceeding **riches of His grace** in His **kindness** toward us in Christ Jesus.

2. Our **Salvation** in Christ comes by v.8-9:

- **grace** (unmerited favor) you have been **saved** (forgiven)
- through **faith** (trust in the works of Christ)
- **not of yourselves** (self-centered)
- it is the **gift** of God (given not earned)
- **not of works** (human effort)
- lest anyone can **boast** (humility)

“A **primary sign** of a Christ follower is they **no longer live for themselves**, instead, they **exchanged** their life for Christ's life.”

Reflection: “Do you know a better person to become like and live for others than Christ?”

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1. According to Ephesians 2:10, fill out the blanks:

- **Who:** we are His _____
- **What:** created in _____
- **Why:** for _____

Reflection: "Does my faith in Christ produce good works (James 2:17)?"

2. What did God have in mind for us before creation according to Titus 2:14?

3. What does God consider good works according to John 14:12?

4. According to Philippians 2:13 and John 15:5, how are good works produced?

5. According to Matthew 5:16 and the teaching, what is the difference between good works and human works?

Good Works:

- Produced by _____
- Brings attention to _____
- Glorifies _____

Human Works:

- Produced by _____
- Brings attention to _____
- Glorifies _____

6. What did Jesus say about His work that we need to model in our works according to John 5:17, 19, and John 4:34?

Reflection: "One of my goals to live on is to do the will of Christ who saved me and continue His works.

7. According to Revelation 22:12, He will reward us for good works. Reflect on the good works you're doing that will be rewarded.