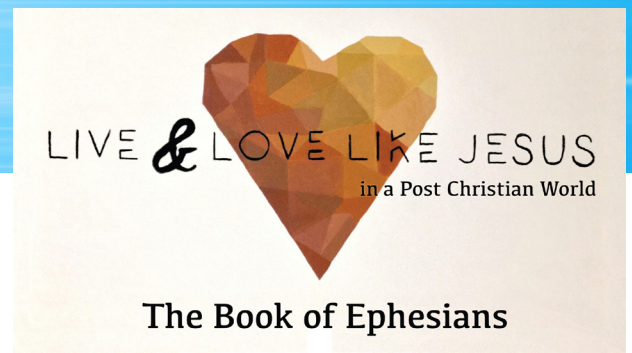


Discussion Questions

November 27, 2022



Ephesians 2:10

We are God's Masterpiece Created for Good Works

1. Read Ephesians 2:4-10

What is the relationship between grace and works in this passage?

2. Discuss the significance in 2:10 to be called God's Handiwork or work of art/masterpiece? (Don't forget the context of the verses before it)

3. In 2:10 Paul says we are created by God to do Good Works and that God has been preparing us for this from long ago.

How do we do this without moving towards legalism?

What kind of good works is Paul referring to?

4, Read Titus 3:8. What does it mean as a follower of Jesus to live a life "Devoted to Good works"

5. Please share in what specific ways have you been carrying out this command in your spheres of influence?

6. Pray and ask the Lord to show you if there are any people he brings to your mind that he would have you move towards helping.

7. Specifically speak to your small group about the possibility of partnering with our ministry to Woodside Elementary School in adopting a classroom to help with their supplies and needs.



Ephesians 2:8-10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Handiwork = poíēma = to make a creation, a work of art, or masterpiece

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Joni Eareckson Tada - A Place of Healing

(God) has a plan and purpose for my time on earth. He is the Master Artist or Sculptor, and He is the One Who chooses the tools He will use to perfect His workmanship. What of suffering, then? What of illness? What of disability? Am I to tell Him which tools He can use and which tools He can’t use in the lifelong task of perfecting me and molding me into the beautiful image of Jesus? Do I really know better than Him, so that I can state without equivocation that it’s always His will to heal me of every physical affliction? If I am His poem, do I have the right to say, “No, Lord. You need to trim line number two and brighten up lines three and five. They’re just a little bit dark.” Do I, the poem, the thing being written, know more than the poet?”

Titus 3:4

And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

Titus 3:8

...I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works.

Matthew 5:16

Jesus said, “In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven”.

Bruce, F. F. - The Epistle to the Ephesians

No one more wholeheartedly than Paul repudiated good works as a ground of salvation; no one more wholeheartedly insisted on good works as the fruit of salvation.

John Calvin

It is faith alone that justifies, but faith that justifies can never be alone.

James 2:19–20 NLT

You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

Galatians 2:10

They only asked us to remember the poor—the very thing I also was eager to do.