

# God's Plan For Good Works

Ephesians 2:10  
Message

**Each believer is a skillful display of God's handiwork, created by God to abound in good works.**

# Outline

Paul reflected on the change in their individual status (2:1-10).

By their walk sinners prove that they are spiritually dead (2:1-3)

God gives new life (2:4-7)

New life produces faith unto salvation and a new walk (2:8-10)

Obedience becomes an inner desire  
—a longing—  
rather than an external obligation



# Created to abound in good works (Eph 2:10)

- I. We are God's workmanship
- II. God prepared good works in advance and created us to produce those good works
- III. God purposed for us to abound in those good works

# Four reasons why salvation is not from works

We were spiritually dead  
(Eph 2:1)

We were guilty ("*children of wrath*" Eph 2:3)

All the glory belongs to God  
(Eph 2:9)

Good works aren't solely ours  
(Eph 2:10)

If we are God's  
work, how can  
our works be  
entirely ours?

# “Workmanship”



- Greek *poiema*
- We get the English word “poem” from this. A poem was made by the artist.
- It is something created or made, such as by an artist or craftsman.
- Deeds, works, skillful works (Eccl 4:4), works of art (pottery, Isa 29:16)
- Rom 1:20 the physical creation; Eph 2:10 the new creation



We are God's  
new creation

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2 Corinthians 5:17

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Galatians 6:15

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Ephesians 2:10

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Ephesians 4:24

# “Good”



- Greek *agathos*
- Something that is morally good
- Beneficial
  
- *Good works are the fruit of God's power operating inside you.*

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It is not doing a work *for*  
God but God doing a work  
*in* and *through* the believer. ”

(Harold Hoehner, *Ephesians*, p. 349).