



# MASTERPIECE

MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

*"For we are God's  
masterpiece, created in Christ  
Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in  
advance for us to do."*

*Ephesians 2:10*

*(New Living Translation)*

# "For we are God's masterpiece..."



The word "masterpiece" in this verse is the same word for "workmanship" or "works" in Psalms 139:14(NIV/NLT)! The Greek word for "workmanship" in Psalms is the same one in Ephesians 2:10 for "masterpiece:" *poema*. It means beautiful poem; we are God's beautiful poem. How can we better believe this? We have to know who God says we are, and to know this we look to scripture!

brothers and sisters	included
free	fearfully and wonderfully
created	made
redeemed	made in his image
we are his	temple of the holy spirit
summoned by name	bought at a price
children of God	transformed
adopted	made new
heirs and co-heirs with Christ	called
share in the heavenly calling	co-workers in God's service
justified	Christ's ambassadors
chosen	more than conquerors
God's special possession	light of the world

According to the Lord, this is who you are!

Which word or phrase stands out to you?

Which one (or more) do you need to hold onto?

In order to ignore the lies of the devil and embrace our identity in Christ, we need to be encouraged by others. Some of the most powerful moments of my spiritual walk have been when others have spoken words of the Lord over me. When the Lord wants to remind us of our identity, He'll often send someone to remind us.

Reflect on the people around you in your community, what are you hearing? What does God want to tell someone else through you? What words from this list are you hearing for others? Take a minute to write it down. Then go share it with them!

# "...created in Christ Jesus to do good works..."

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"We are therefore **Christ's ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become **the righteousness of God.**"

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

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"You are **the light of the world**. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it **gives light** to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16


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According to these verses, what good works has God called **all of us** to do?

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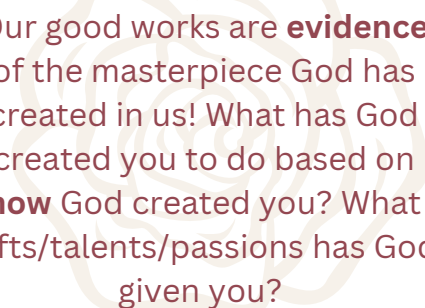
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"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly."

Romans 12:6-8



Our good works are **evidence** of the masterpiece God has created in us! What has God created you to do based on **how** God created you? What gifts/talents/passions has God given you?

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If you can't think of any, pray that God would reveal them to you in this moment. If you think of gifts/talents/passions that others have seen in you, write those down, too. And if you think someone needs to hear of their gifts/talents/passions, go tell them!



# "...which God prepared for us in advance to do."

"But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."

Exodus 4:10-12



God called Moses to free the Israelites from bondage, and Moses gave God many reasons why he wasn't the one. God assures Moses that it's not about who Moses is; it's about who created Moses and how God would work in Moses.

What excuses have you made to count yourself out of God's plans? What weaknesses have you believed count you out of serving the Lord? In what ways do you feel unprepared or ill-equipped for the call of serving God?

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GOOD NEWS:  
the only qualification we need is the Holy Spirit working in us.

"God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called."  
Mark Batterson

"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9  
"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

Wherever we are, God is. No time or season is wasted; our whole lives are an act of worship to the Lord. We just need to enter into these spaces with purpose. Where has God set your feet? Write down the places, people, and organizations where you are. You don't have to have influence there, but where are you on a daily basis? How can you bring the light of God into those spaces?

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"I think the point of this lifetime is to live as deeply as you can, with the people to the right and left of you in the place where God sets your feet."

Hannah Brencher, "Come Matter Here"