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Good Works

Memorization Verse: Ephesians 2:10

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Your salvation wasn’t earned by your good deeds. We are all saved by faith, and not by good works (Ephesians 2:8-9). Nevertheless, God wants your life now to be filled with good works – doing what is right and helpful to others. In this we are to follow the example of Jesus, who “went around doing good” (Acts 10:38).

It is faith alone that saves, but the faith that saves is never alone.

Paul wrote that believers should be “careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone” (Titus 3:8). As you seek to do God’s will through good works, you, and others through you, will profit. And God will be glorified because he has good works planned especially for you to accomplish.

EXPLORING Ephesians 2:10

What do you think “God’s workmanship” means?

What are we created for?

What are good works?

“FOR WE ARE GOD’S WORKMANSHIP”

1. Read Titus 3:8. Who should do good works?

Who should benefit from good works?

2. According to Ephesians 2:8-9 why don't good works have a part in our salvation?

3. Paraphrase Titus 3:14.

4. What should be the result of our good works according to Matthew 5:14-16?

5. Read Colossians 3:17. As we do good works who do we represent?

"TO DO GOOD WORKS"

6. What were the following Christians commended for and what did it cost each of them?

Dorcas (Acts 9:36)

Phoebe (Romans 16:1-2)

Epaphras (Colossians 4:12)

7. Read Matthew 25:31-46. List several practical ways in which you can serve Christ by doing good to others.

8. In 1 Peter 2:12, what did Peter say would make non-Christians glorify God?

9. According to Galatians 6:10 to whom should we do good?

10. What ways for doing good are mentioned in the following passages?

Romans 12:13

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

James 1:27

11. In James 2:15-16 what did James say proves our true concern for those in need?

12. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What equips a Christian for every good work?

APPLYING PSALM 122:1

Prayerfully review this study and list several practical good works you could do for someone.

Personal Notes:
