

“You are God’s Masterpiece”

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Eph 2:8-10

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's workmanship (masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1. GOD CREATED YOU AS ONE OF A KIND

Gen 2:7

The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Gen 2:22

Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man...

Psalms 139:13-14

13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made...

2. GOD CREATED YOU WITH PURPOSE

You are “God's masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Psalms 139:16

“... All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.”

Isaiah 49:5

“[God] formed me in the womb to be his servant.”

Psalms 33:13-15

13 From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; 14 from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth-- 15 he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

3. YOUR PURPOSE IS TO BRING GOD GLORY

Isaiah 43:6-7

6 Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth-- 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Isaiah 43:20-21

I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, 21 the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

4. GOD MATURES US THROUGH TRIALS

James 1:2-4

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Eph 4:11-16

11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.