

It's time to do good

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

Message

God has made us to do good, wherever we are.

Context

Written by Apostle Paul to the church in Ephesus, this chapter emphasizes the transformation from spiritual death to life in Christ, salvation by grace, and the unity of believers through Jesus.

Themes of **identity** – not being defined by mistakes, culture, or status but by what Jesus has done, and **purpose** – God has good works especially for them, regardless of the situation of life they are in, are just as relevant for believers today as they were thousands of years ago.

For we are His workmanship...

[Ephesians 2:10](#) begins by telling us we are “His workmanship” - which means you are carefully crafted by God Himself. This isn't just saying you're made; it's saying you're made with care, design, and purpose. The Greek word used here (“poiēma”) is where we get the word “poem” - a creative, intentional work of art.

God didn't make a mistake when He made you. He formed your body, your heart, your mind, and your gifts for a reason ([Psalm 139:13-14](#)). You are His creation - a one-of-a-kind, God-authored design. The world may try to label you, compare you, or make you feel like you're not enough, but God calls you His workmanship. Other Bible translations use, “masterpiece.”

Not only did God make you, as His masterpiece, you are made in His image ([Genesis 1:27](#), [Colossians 3:10](#)). This fundamental truth allows you to live confidently that He has your best interest in mind. Additionally, knowing God through Jesus Christ allows us to get to know ourselves better and in the right way.

...created in Christ Jesus for good works,...

The second part of [Ephesians 2:10](#) says we are “created in Christ Jesus.” *That means when you accepted Jesus, He began writing a new story with your life.* You weren't just saved from something (sin and separation from God), you were also saved *for* something - living with purpose.

God's plan for your life isn't vague or generic. It's personal. Life has weight and significance. Even if, sometimes you may feel small, or the future may seem uncertain, *your life matters.* God's purpose for you is not just for some day in the future - it begins right now.

You were made to reflect His love, serve His people, and bring His light into a dark world. You are not here by accident. Your life is on purpose, and with God, nothing about you is wasted.

...which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

God has already lined up opportunities, relationships, and acts of kindness, love, and justice that He wants you to step into. He's already there, waiting to meet you; just like the Good Samaritan was destined to meet the man in the road.

This doesn't mean you have to be perfect or have it all figured out. It means that if you keep walking with Jesus, and have His love and purposes in mind ([Philippians 2:5-11](#)), you'll start discovering and walking in the unique mission He has for you.

[James 2:17](#) reminds us that “**faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**” The good works we do don't save us, Jesus already did that, but they are the *evidence* of a life that belongs to Him. Whether it's encouraging a friend, standing up for someone being bullied, volunteering, or even starting a Bible study, these “good works” are part of your mission.

You don't have to do it alone. [Philippians 1:6](#) says, “**He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**” God is committed to helping you fulfill your purpose. He gives us what we need to be successful for His purposes.

Preparation for Holy Communion

A few verses later, in [Ephesians 2:14-15](#), Apostle Paul explains Christ as “our peace.” There may be times in school, in our families, in our circle of friends, that we might not feel peaceful. Know that Christ, as the Prince of Peace, offers us a serene calm composure. When we look to the cross, we are reminded that He loves us and gave His life.

Prior to the celebration of Holy Communion, the minister proclaims the Absolution. This declaration ends with the phrase, “The peace of the Risen One abide with you.” Even though we hear these words collectively, receive them personally. Treasure this peace and experience Jesus' peaceful, calming, presence in the unique moments of Holy Communion.

Summary

Underlining the international New Apostolic Church theme for 2025, It's time to do good.

- We are made by God, not be accident. He gives us our identity.
- We are made for good works, spreading Christ's love and purposes
- God creates opportunities for us to do good regardless of our situation