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Week 3: WORKS THAT WORK Ephesians 2:4-5; Esther 4

PREPREPARED WORKS

Ephesians 2:4-5 says that we have been made alive in Christ because of God's mercy and His great love for us. Verse 10 says, *"For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."* In other words, YOU, the believer and follower of Christ, are a *work* (product, Psalm 139:14) of the hand of God. And we as believers in Christ are functional works... **WORKS THAT WORK!**

The works that we have been created for, according to Ephesians 2:10, have been **pre**arranged for us, **"so that we would walk in them"**. The question is: **As set apart, bornagain followers of Christ, are we walking in the works God has prearranged for us?** Isaiah 58:8-12 and Matthew 25:31-46 speak clearly of the works God expects from His workmanship. In summary, they are works of **SERVICE**. Works that demonstrate the LOVE and provision of God to those in spiritual and physical need.

SUCH A TIME AS THIS

An example of this is seen in the life of Esther who risked her life to go unannounced before her husband the Persian King (Esther 4:11, 16). The lives of the Jews were threatened and marked for destruction. When Esther expressed her fears about interceding for her people, Mordecai, a cousin and a government official said, "And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14b).

Esther's life and **position** (workmanship) was purposed by God to intervene and **save** God's people from the threat of destruction (good work). Like Esther, we all have **"good works"** prepared for us. By FAITH, we can walk in them as SET APART followers of Christ

THE SET APART FAST WEEK 3 JANUARY 21-27, 2019

During the final 7 days of the SET APART FAST our focus is on responding to the works that God prearranged for us. Let's continue to embrace HOLINESS and the SET APART status accomplished for us by Christ.

As you pray and meditate on these verses, declare that you are who the Lord says you are. Throughout the next 7 days of fasting seek to draw closer to the Lord because of the holiness He has granted you.

DAY 1: "I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well." **-Psalm 139:14**

DAY 2: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." -Ephesians 2:10



DAY 3: "But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly" were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." -Ephesians 2:13

DAY 4: "And if you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness and your gloom will become like midday." -Isaiah 58:10

DAY 5: "Also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will" **-Ephesians 1:11**

DAY 6: "For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." -Philippians 2:13

DAY 7: "For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, 'As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest,' although His works were finished from the foundation of the world." -Hebrews 4:3





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