



## We are God's Workmanship

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Life Change: That we walk in good works born of grace

Ephesians 2:8-10

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"I'm bored!"

### God's Work

Saves by grace

v.8

Through faith

Salvation is God's gift, not man's work

v.8-9

*Galatians 2:16 - "yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified."*

[The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Ga 2:16). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

### God's Work (cont.)

Saints are a beautiful poem

v.10

### Man's Response

Walk in Good Works

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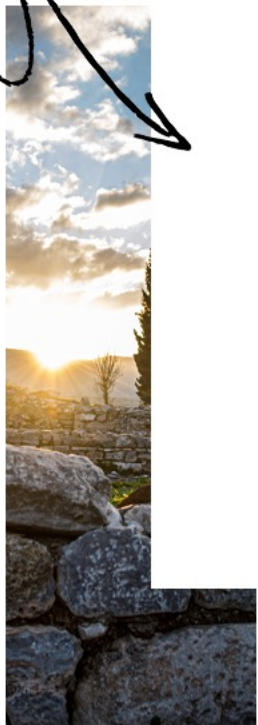


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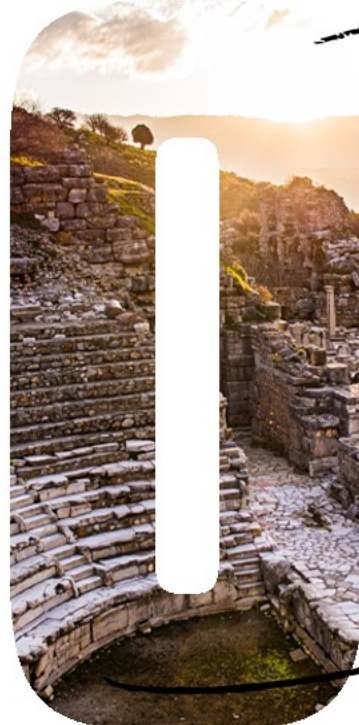


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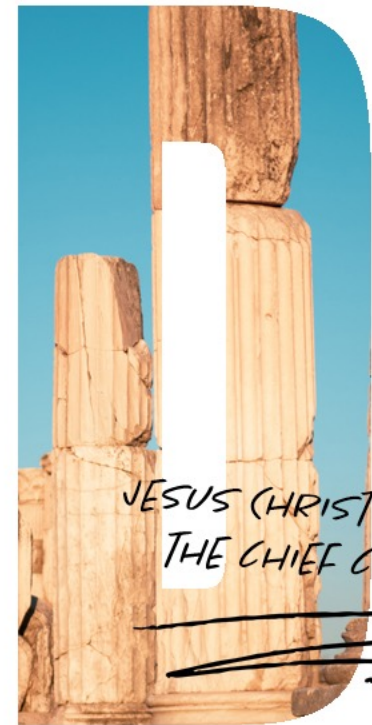
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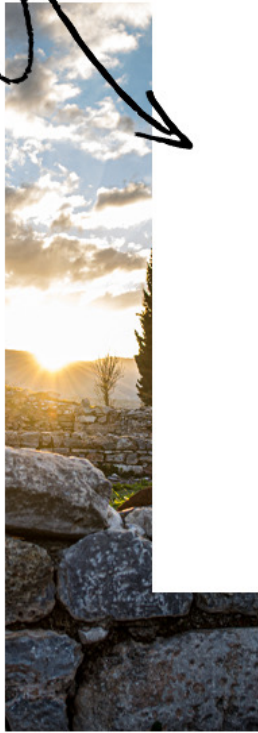
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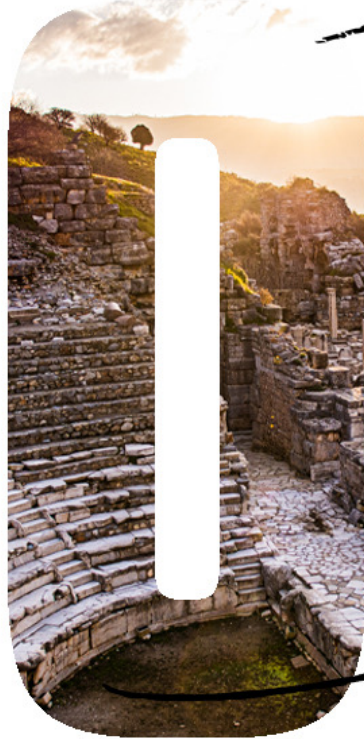
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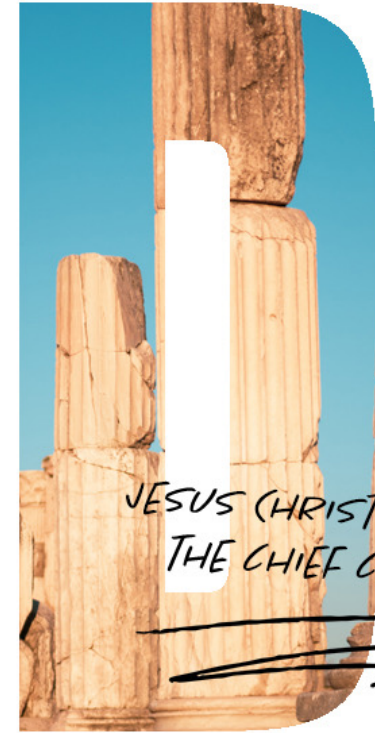
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***Premise:*** People who know who they are and how deeply God loves them live changed lives. The congregation of Frisco Bible Church needs to understand just who we really are as the body of Christ and how deeply we are loved. Such understanding will surely lead to transformative joy expressed in unity and love.





"BEHOLD, I WILL CAUSE BREATH  
TO ENTER YOU, AND YOU SHALL LIVE."

-EZEKIEL 37:5



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**Paul, an apostle of  
Christ Jesus by the  
will of God,  
To the **saints** who are  
in Ephesus, and are  
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Jesus:**



<sup>3</sup> Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he **chose** us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him. <sup>5</sup> He **predestined** us to be **adopted** as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he lavished on us in the Beloved One.

<sup>7</sup> In him we have **redemption** through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he richly poured out on us with all wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup> He made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he purposed in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the right time—to bring everything together in Christ, both things in heaven and things on earth in him.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have also **received an inheritance**, because we were predestined according to the plan of the one who works out everything in agreement with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who had already put our hope in Christ might bring praise to his glory.

<sup>13</sup> In him you also were **sealed** with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed.



**T.U.L.I.P.**

**Thank U Lord, I'm Purified Pardoned,  
Provided for, and Perfectly Positioned with You.**



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**Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the people of old received their commendation.**



**<sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.**

**<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,  
<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”**

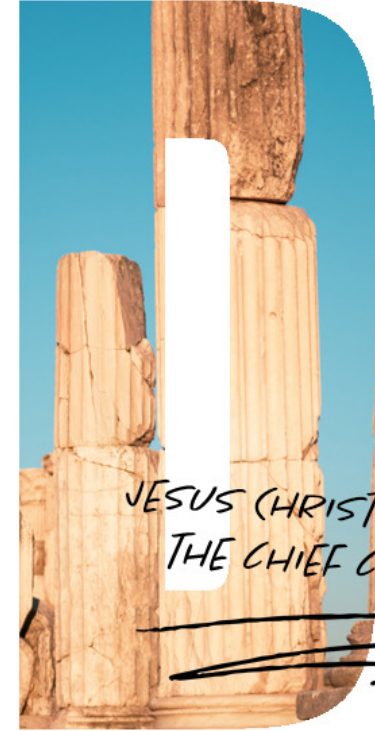
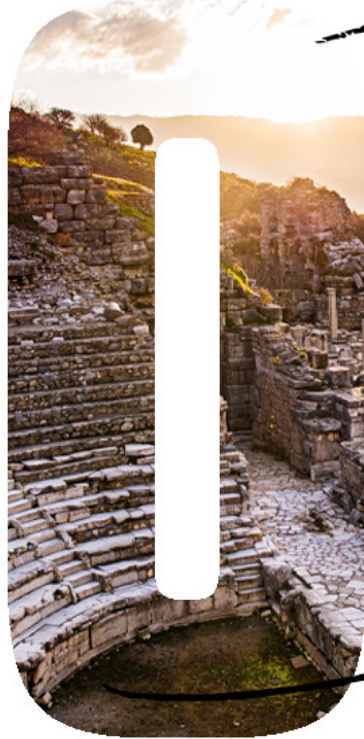
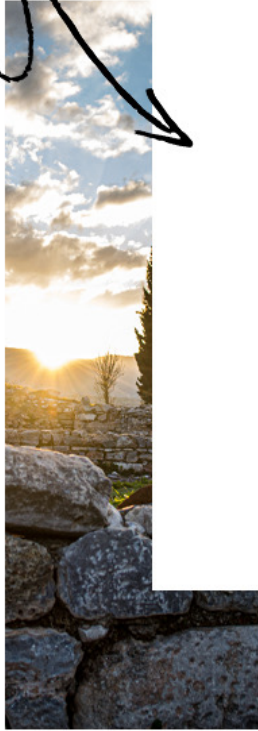


**<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

**...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”**



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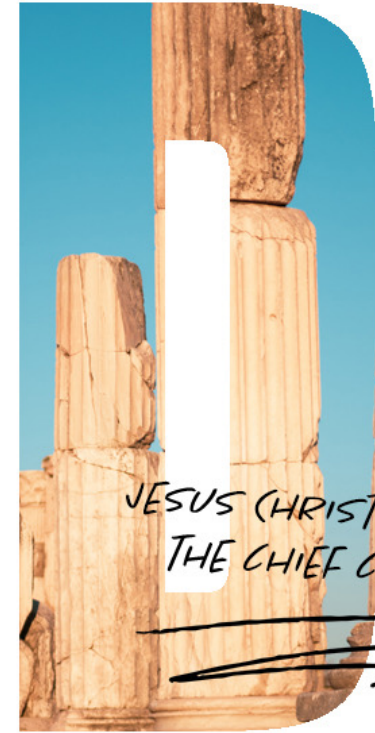
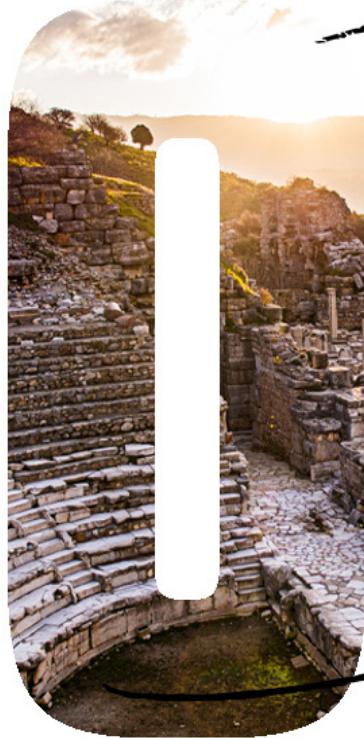
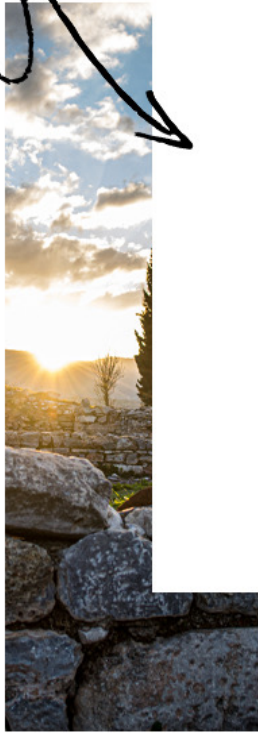
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*Though some think it refers back to “grace” and others to “faith,” neither of these suggestions is really valid because the demonstrative pronoun is neuter whereas “grace” and “faith” are feminine. Also, to refer back to either of these words specifically seems to be redundant. Rather the neuter touto, as is common, refers to the preceding phrase or clause. (In Eph. 1:15 and 3:1 touto, “this,” refers back to the preceding section.) Thus it refers back to the concept of salvation (2:4–8a), whose basis is grace and means is faith. This salvation does not have its source in man (it is “not from yourselves”), but rather, its source is God’s grace for “it is the gift of God.”*



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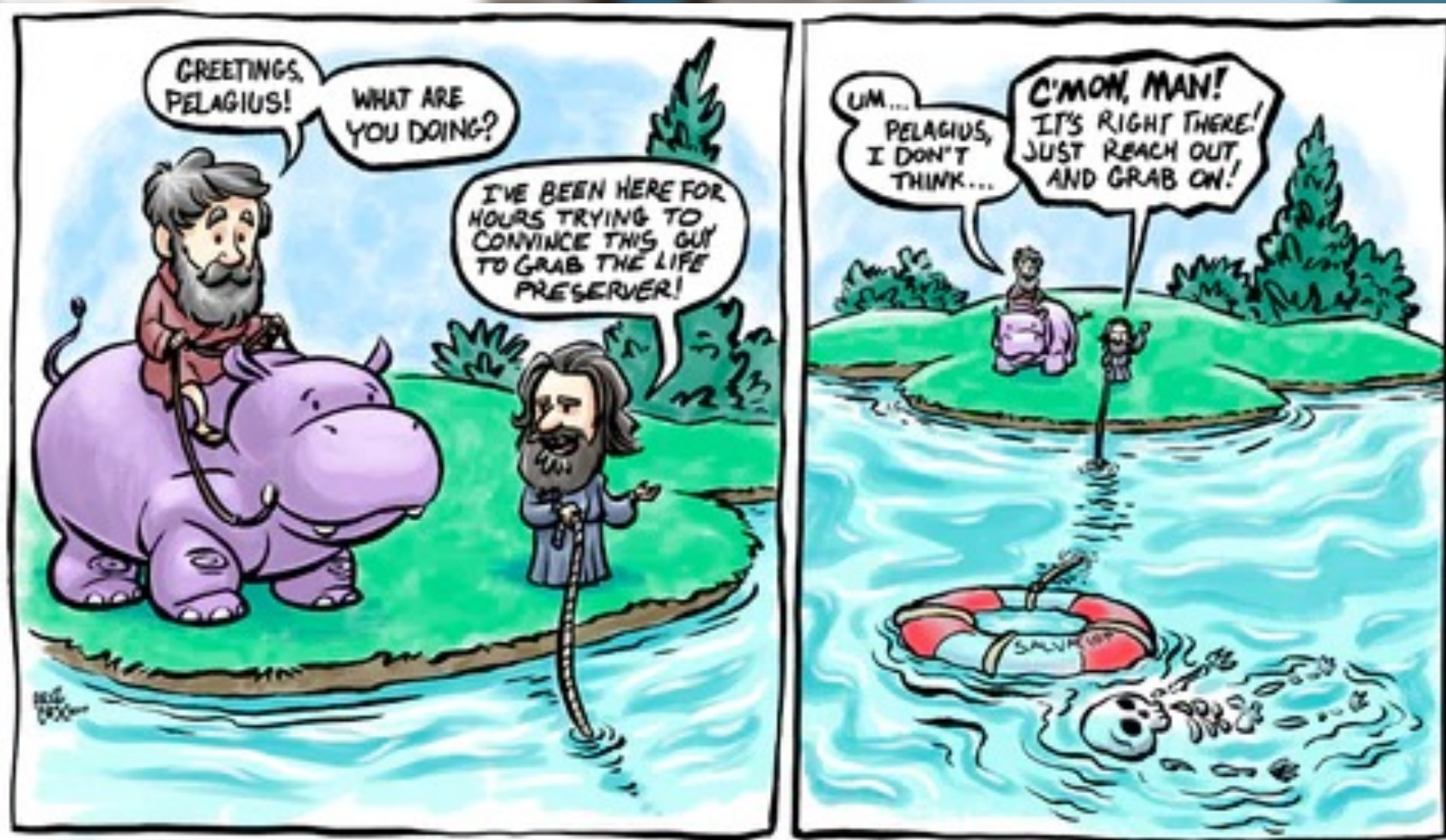
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*God's purpose for believers is spelled out in 2:7–10. He has restored us, "expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus." The memorable words in verses 8–9 express a central idea in Paul's theology. He declared that the nature of God is to give freely because of His own love. God does not deal with people on the level of human achievement but on the level of their deepest needs.*





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**<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.**



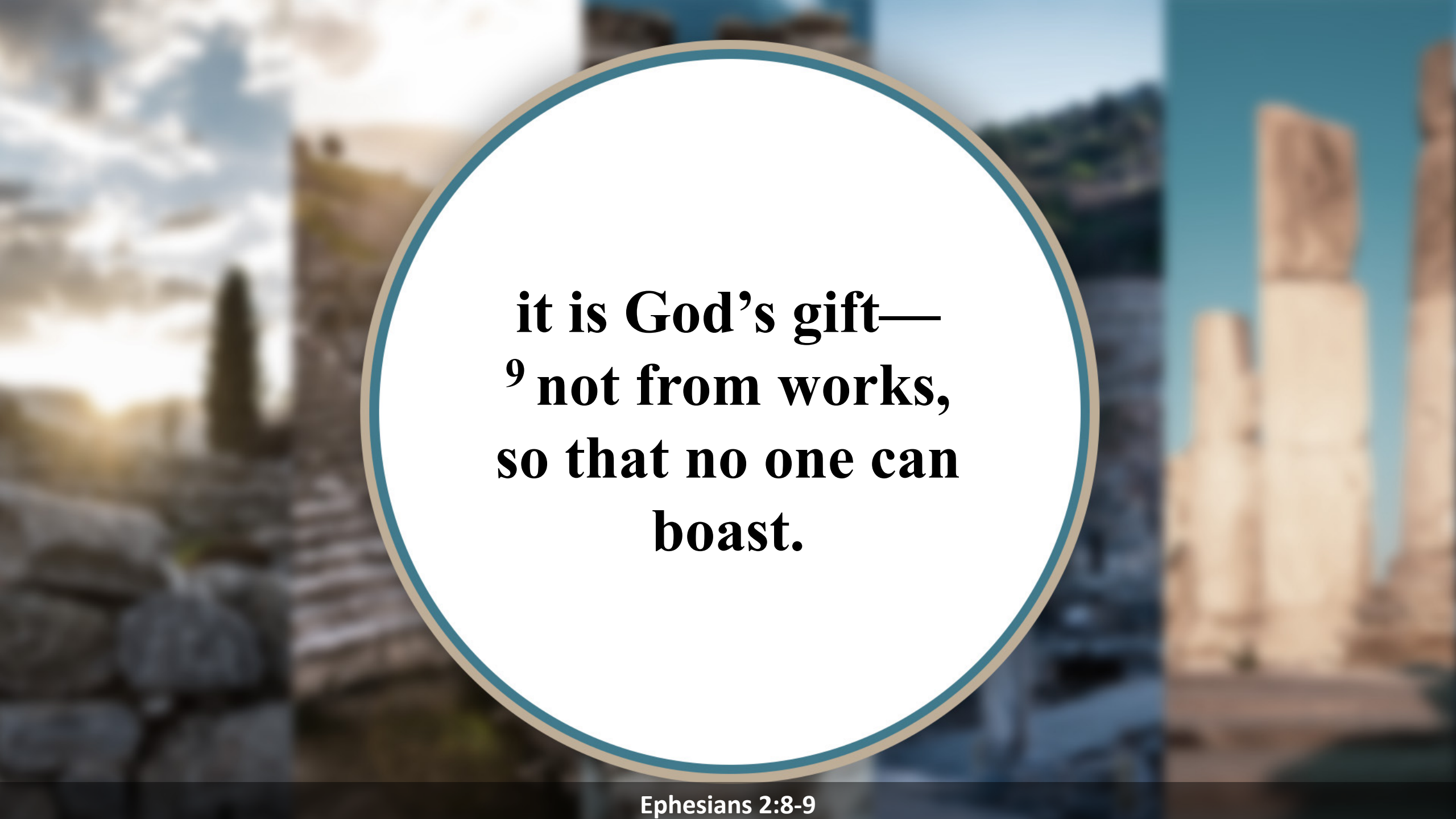


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**<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

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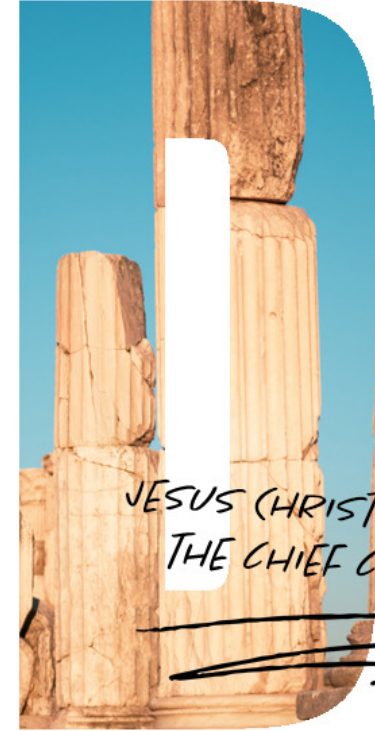
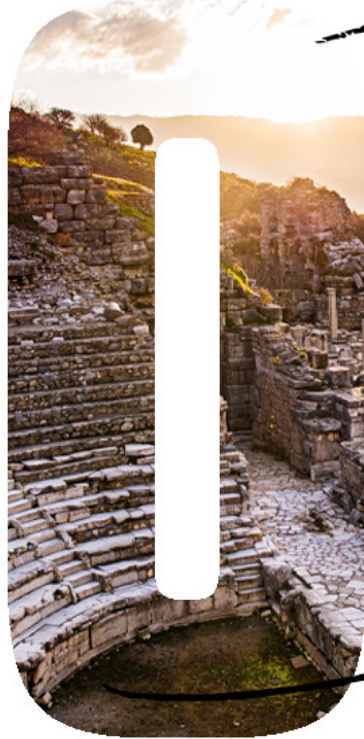
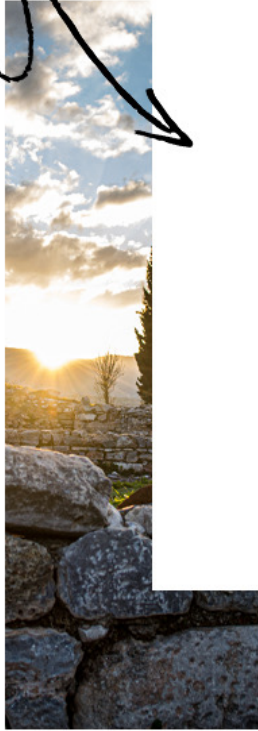


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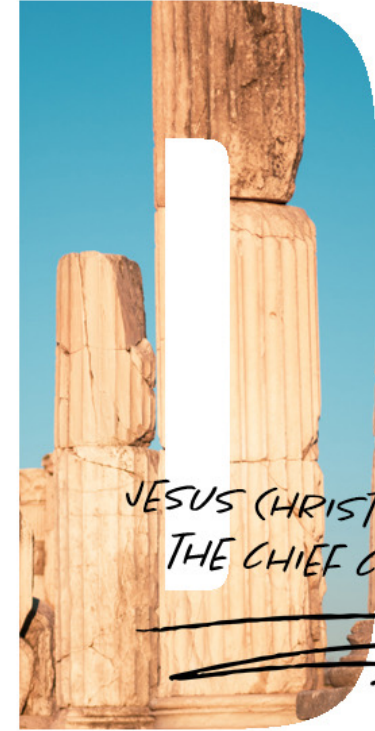
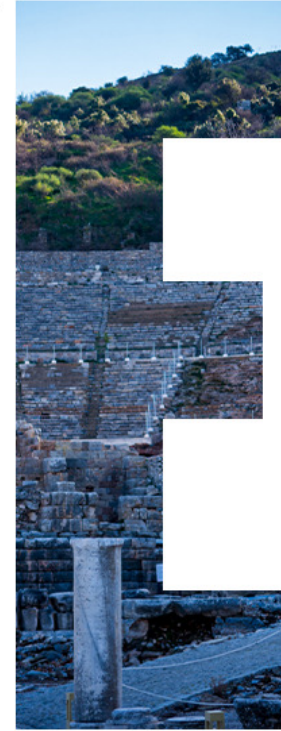
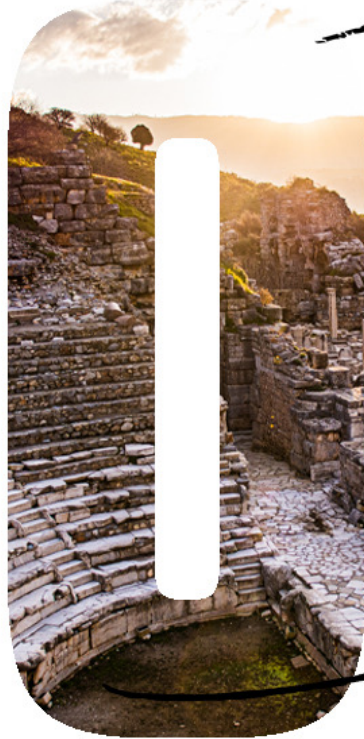
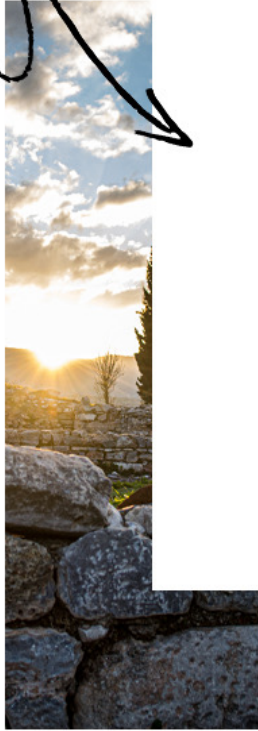
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*The word “masterpiece” refers to the work of a skilled craftsman creating a work of art. In the New Testament, it is used only here and in Romans 1:20. In Romans 1:20, it refers to God’s creation (as in Pss 92:4 [91:5, LXX]; 143:5 [142:5, LXX]); in Ephesians it is used of God’s new creation. The first reference speaks of the physical Creation of God, and the second, the spiritual re-creation of God. Paul makes it clear that he was speaking about spiritual re-creation: “He has created us anew in Christ Jesus.” God’s purpose for this new creation is to have a vehicle through whom he might work, as he had planned long ago.*

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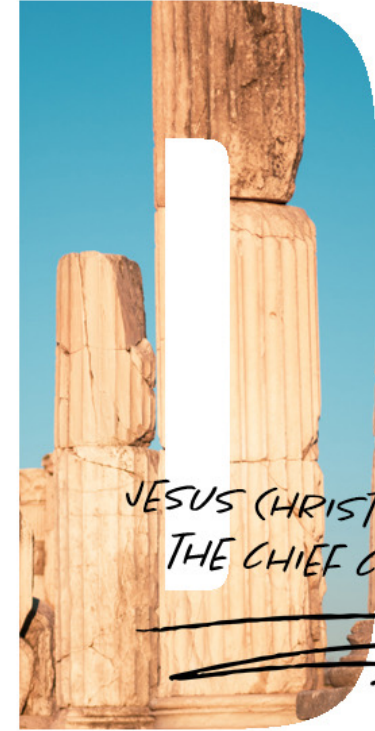
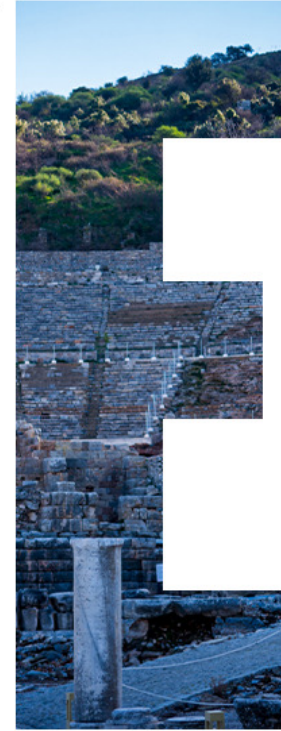
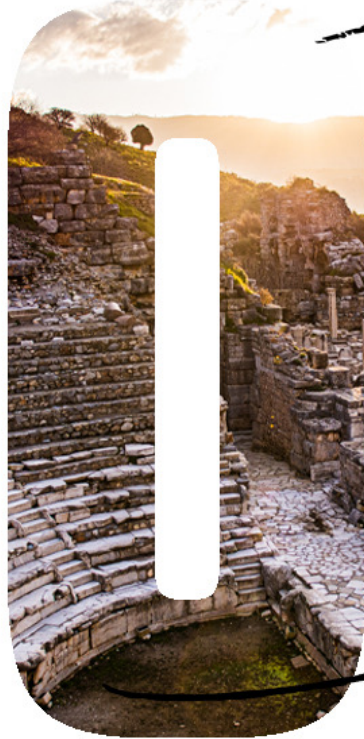
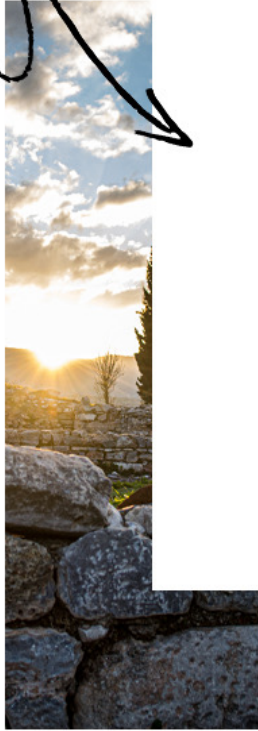
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*He provides salvation as His gift to men and women. He then creates a disposition of faith within them so that they may receive His gracious gift. Salvation is completely God's achievement, a pure gift of God. Salvation is His workmanship. We are saved to live a totally different life "to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*





Texas Rangers relief pitcher Josh Sborz (66) celebrates with catcher Jonah Heim (28) / Rob Schumacher/The Republic / USA TODAY





**Texas Rangers' Evan Carter takes batting practice for the team's baseball game against the Oakland Athletics in Arlington, Texas on Friday. LM Otero, AP**



*Bruce Bochy, the team's manager and former Major League ballplayer has lauded Carter's behavior and endearing characteristics in an interview with the Dallas Morning News: "We've said, even going back to spring training, that the patience and discipline he had, at that time, as a 20-year-old, that's not something that just happens. That's what he does all the time. He tries to shrink the strike zone and make pitchers come to him. He doesn't panic at two strikes. He just gives you quality at-bats. He's advanced for his age. That's why he is up here." Bochy went on to praise Carter's joyful spirit.*

*The player's response? "It's not worth doing if you're not having fun," Carter said. "It's definitely — it's the job that you chose, so you better love it. I do. I love the game and I love playing, I love competing, so, really, it's a joyful thing for me."*

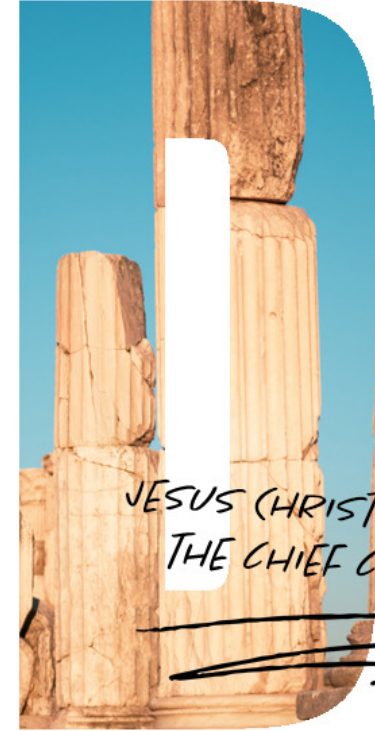
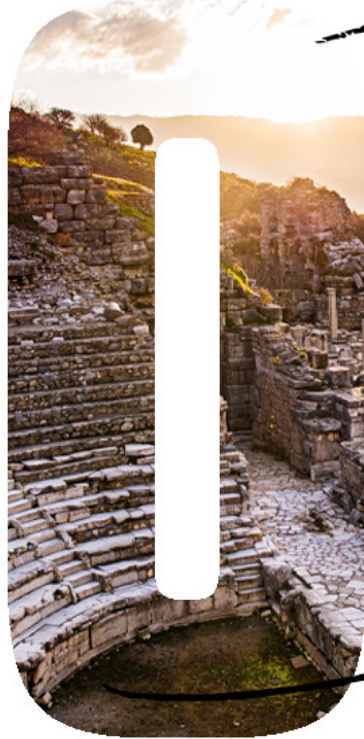
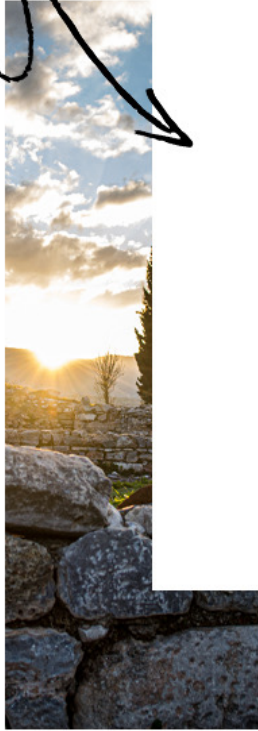


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Image Texas Rangers outfielder Evan Carter described watching starter Jordan Montgomery make a diving catch in Game 1 against Tampa Bay. [Wfaa.com](https://www.wfaa.com)



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*...we were created by Christ Jesus as his masterpiece with the goal of good works. God's workmanship is not achieved by good works, but it results in good works (Titus 2:14; 3:8). But how are these works accomplished? Are they to be done by our efforts? No! What is portrayed here is just the opposite. God has prepared for each of us a path of good works that cannot be accomplished by our efforts but by his effective working in us. Essentially, Paul was telling the Ephesians that God had prepared a path of good works for the believers and that he would perform these works in and through them as they lived by faith. Thus, we do not do a work for God; instead, God performs his work in and through his children (cf. Phil 2:13). Since these are God's good works, there is no cause for any person to boast.*



*We are a redeemed Community  
Doing the Great Commission  
By the Power of the Holy Spirit  
For the Glory of God.*

**<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**



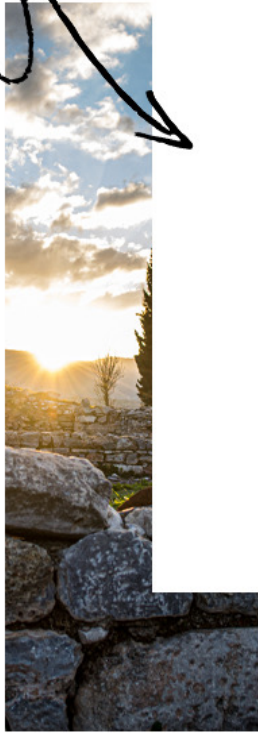
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***No, there is nothing boring about you and there is nothing boring about what God has given you to do today. If you are bored, remember what Chesterton said: “We are perishing for want of wonder, not want of wonders.” Wonder at this: God has prepared just for you what he’s given you to do ([Ephesians 2:10](#)). Nothing you do today is unimportant. God is keenly interested in the smallest detail. You don’t need a more wonderful calling; you may just need more strength to comprehend the wonder of his loving ways toward you ([Ephesians 3:17–19](#)).***

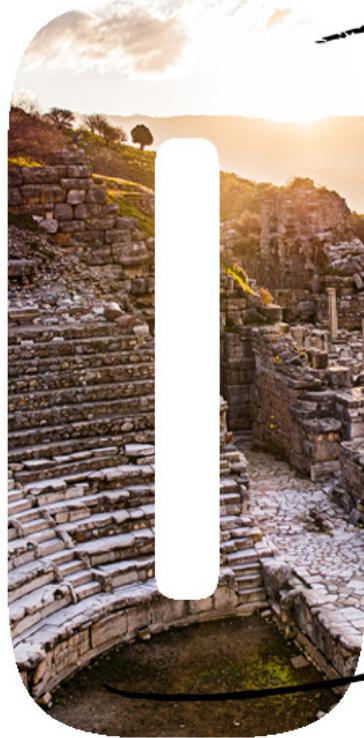


*Abounding grace given freely for me?  
My deficiency complete, death deserved,  
The image of God sin-stained and unfree,  
Unrighteousness reigned in my heart since birthed.  
Lifeless stones more apt to praise Thy Holy Name,  
The skies more inclined to sing your glory,  
My flesh proposes to claim its own fame,  
Only bringing destruction, want, worry.  
But Thy love pursued me into death's depths,  
Predestined me, chose me, restored my soul;  
What a marv'lous work, a thrilling concept.  
For I'm your poiema made pure and whole.  
So let my feet walk in Grace's good works,  
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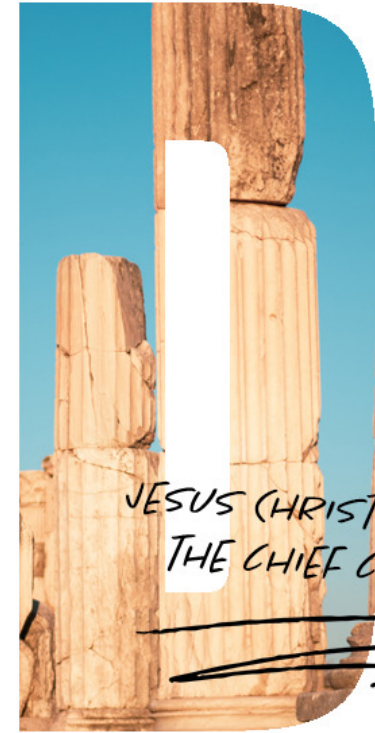
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