

# L59 | Ephesians | "Good Works" | Eph. 2:1-10

## I. Intro/Review:

- Salvation
  - By grace - the riches of His grace
  - Through faith - non-meritorious response
    - Not of yourselves - not of works
    - Gift of God
- Salvation - workmanship - created in Christ Jesus
  - Dead - quickened
  - Course of this world - raised
  - Prince of the power of the air - seated with Christ
  - Children of wrath - ages to come the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness
  - Conversation fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind - good works

## II. Preview:

- Good Works - Features and Characteristics

## III. Sermon:

- **Good Works - Features and Characteristics**

**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**  
**{Ephesians 2:10}**

1. Where do they come from? - Jn. 3:21 - "wrought in God"
  - God
    - Matthew 19:17 - "...Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God:"
    - Exodus 34:6 - "...abundant in goodness and truth"
  - Not from Man
    - Romans 3:10, 12 (Ps. 14:1-3) - none righteous no not one, none that doeth good
    - Romans 3:9, 5:12 - all under sin, death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned
  - Wisdom of World
    - Romans 1:20-23, 28-32; Col. 1:21 - foolish heart darkened, wicked works
    - James 3:13-18 - earthly wisdom; wisdom from above
  - Wisdom of God
    - 1 Cor. 1:30-31 - Christ made wisdom unto us
2. What is their origin? - Eph. 2:10

- Ephesians 1:4 - with God, before the world began
    - Eph. 4 - eternal purpose in Christ
  - The Foundation of the World
    - Adam - the wisdom of this world
    - Eph. 2:2 - the course of this world
3. How are they wrought?
- Not after the flesh
    - Romans 8:4
    - Galatians 5:19
  - After the Spirit
    - Romans 8:4-7
    - Romans 12:1-2
    - Ephesians 4:17
4. What are the mechanics of these good works?
- By grace through faith
    - Ephesians 2:8-10 - saved by grace through faith unto good works
    - Colossians 2:6 - received so walk
  - Power and Love of God
    - Ephesians 2:4 - "for His great love wherewith He loved us"
    - Ephesians 2:5 - "quickeneth" - exceeding greatness of His power (Eph. 1)
  - By grace through faith in the power and love of God (His good works) we are saved
  - By grace through faith in the power and love of God He works
  - Ephesians 6:14 - "breastplate of righteousness"
    - 1 The. 5:8 - "breastplate of faith and love"
    - Gal. 5:6 - "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love."
  - 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
    - Galatians 2:20
    - Philippians 2:13
5. What are they for?
- Ephesians 1:12, 14 - "to the praise of His glory"
  - Ephesians 3:11 - "eternal purpose in Christ"
    - Why did create everything?
      - Ephesians 1:5 - divine family; 3:15 - whole family
        - To which God is the Father
        - Joint-heirs with Christ
    - Ephesians 1:10 - divine government

- Where Christ is the head - Eph. 1:22, 4:15; Col. 1:18, 2:19
- All relationship exercise us for this

#### IV. Conclusion: