



How Do I Grow as a Christian?

Spiritual Disciplines

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Christian practices that help us
experience greater freedom
from sin and greater intimacy
with God

Ephesians 2:8-10 (CSB)

Spiritual Disciplines:
Serving

“⁸For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift—⁹not from works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.”

What is my purpose?

To be in right relationship with God, and to walk in the good works He planned for you to do, which includes serving others

BIG IDEA

God not only saves you by His grace; His grace also enables you to do good works and serve others

Outline

Spiritual Disciplines:
Serving

1. God's grace saves you through no work of your own (8-9)
2. God's grace transforms you and gives you glorious purpose (v. 10)

Grace

Spiritual Disciplines:
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God's favor that you can't earn but
can only receive by faith

Faith

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Receiving and resting on Jesus
Christ alone for salvation

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Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

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beforehand, that we should walk in
them.”

Summary of Eph. 2:8-10

You are not saved *because of* your good works, but you are saved *so that you might do* good works.

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Good works are not the *cause* of your salvation; they flow *from* your salvation.

Summary of Eph. 2:8-10

God doesn't just save you *from* something, but *for* something!

“Workmanship”

- Can also be translated “handiwork” or “masterpiece”
- Used only in Rom. 1:20 – describes God’s intentional creation of the world

“Created”

Spiritual Disciplines:
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- Means to bring into existence something that was not there before.

“Good works”

- **General:** to grow in holiness in your thoughts, words, and deeds. To become more like Christ
- **Specific:** to do specific things that He gifted you to do, which includes serving others