



Talk It Over
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“For we are God’s [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].” - Ephesians 2:10 (AMPC)

“For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.” - Romans 8:29 (AMPC)

The word “investment” does not appear in Scripture, yet God has determined that you and I are His investments.

Our physical birth makes us citizens of our natural world. Our spiritual birth introduces us to our true God-self to function as sons and daughters in His Kingdom of grace.

As His “work of art,” we are put on display in our world to “show forth the praises of His glory.”

Paul says we are “created in Christ Jesus unto good works.”

He foreordained our spiritual vocation and invested the power of His Kingdom authority within us.

“Created” means to “bring something into existence, to form or to shape, to make something out of nothing.” It speaks of a “new thing.”

This “creating” requires all the teaching of His Word, all the patient education of His Holy Spirit, and all the purging and maturing discipline of His providence to fashion us into a new creation.

“Good” means “that which excels, is useful, is of a good nature.”

“Works” refers to “employment, that with which one is occupied.” Literally, how you spend your time on Earth.

“Predestined” means “to determine, as by a boundary or limit.”

We all live under the same sky but not under the same horizon.

God expects us to “walk in the good works He preordained for us.”

This is a fixed way of life – through the ups and downs, the ins and outs, good and bad. Just keep on walking. Then you live the good life! Totally invested in your God-self, with all of your being.

Additional Scriptures: Ephesians 1:11 (TPT); I Peter 2:9 (TPT); Acts 17:26-28; Galatians 4:19

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