

ALTAR EGO

Becoming Who God Says You Are

Lesson #2: “YOU ARE GOD’S MASTERPIECE”

When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece.

— John Ruskin

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.¹⁰ For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. **Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT**

- WITHOUT CHRIST, THERE IS A LOT WRONG WITH US.
- WITH CHRIST, WE ARE GOD’S MASTERPIECE.

“2 Things to Know About Being God’s Masterpiece”

- 1) AS GOD’S MASTERPIECE, YOU WERE CREATED FOR A PURPOSE.

“You are the one who put me together inside my mother’s body, and I praise you because of the wonderful way you created me. Everything you do is marvelous! Of this I have no doubt. Nothing about me is hidden from you. I was secretly woven together out of human sight, but with your own eyes you saw my body being formed. Even before I was born, you had written in your book everything about me”. Psalm 139:13-16

- If you want to know the purpose of a thing, don’t ask the thing, ask the one who created the thing.
- Ask God, “What have you created me to do”?

- 2) YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO DO EVERYTHING GOD WANTS YOU TO DO.

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. **2 Peter 1:3**

- Do not focus on what WE CAN’T DO; instead focus on WHAT WE CAN DO.
- Do not focus on what WE ARE NOT; instead focus on WHAT WE ARE.
- Through Christ, you can be the MASTERPIECE created for the MASTER’S PURPOSE.

THE DIVINE ARTIST

- a. God is Our Artist – a creator of beauty in us.

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 NLT

You are a MASTERPIECE:

- o God's Workmanship, Handiwork, Piece of work.
- o God's Creative Activity.

Who is like you among the gods, O Lord—glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, performing great wonders? Exodus 15:11 NLT

Praise the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does such wonderful things. Psalm 72:18 NLT

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24 NLT

- b. God Created Us for a Purpose –

- o Without Christ, we are not only lost, but we are without purpose.

All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, no, not one. Romans 3:12 AMP

- o With Christ, we share a COMMON PURPOSE.

Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. Matthew 22:37 NLT

- o With Christ, we share a DISTINCT PURPOSE.

God has also given each of us different gifts to use. If we can prophesy, we should do it according to the amount of faith we have. Romans 12:6 CEV

- c. Your life is MEANINGFUL & USEFUL.

If you keep growing in this way, it will show that what you know about our Lord Jesus Christ has made your lives useful and meaningful. 2 Peter 1:8 CEV

The purpose of God's creative work - His MASTERPIECE - is that we WALK in the good work that he has prepared for us. By ourselves, we will never be enough. Once we surrender our lives to God, EVERYTHING about us – including our mistakes and weaknesses – become raw material for His masterpiece. He CAN make us whole and beautiful!

YOU ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE!