

## **ALTAR EGO**

### **Becoming Who God Says You Are**

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

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*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. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup> 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”. **Psalms 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:

- God's Workmanship, Handiwork, Piece of work.
- 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. **Psalms 72:18 NLT***

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

- b. God Created Us for a Purpose –

- 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***

- 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***

- 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!

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