Message: IDENTITY Week 2 – MASTERPIECE Scripture: Ephesians 2:1, 3

"Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins... All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else." Ephesians 2:1, 3 (NLT)

WITHOUT CHRIST, THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOU.

"But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)... God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 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 2:4-5, 8-10 (NLT)

WITH CHRIST, YOU ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Psalm 139:13-16

AS GOD'S MASTERPIECE

1. YOU ARE CREATED FOR THE MASTER'S PURPOSE.

"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

2. YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU <u>NEED</u> TO DO EVERYTHING GOD <u>WANTS</u> YOU TO DO.

"[God's] 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

3. GOD USES EVERYTHING IN YOUR LIFE TO BRING ABOUT HIS PURPOSES.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28