

Heavenly Father, thank You that You have brought us together this day for the purpose of worshipping You. Please take charge of this service and help us to understand and live the truths of what You desire to teach us as we study the Churches in Revelation. Help us to follow Your teaching by obeying Your Word such as Ephesians 2:8-10:

For by grace you have been saved through faith.

Thank You Lord for Your gracious work of salvation through faith. Help us to possess that which You have given us by trusting only in You and Your ways.

And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

Lord we cannot achieve Your righteousness on our own. It is Your gift to us, given through Your love for us and by Your grace.

not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Help us to understand that You are not looking for our best effort to be right with You because Your Word teaches that would lead to our boasting. If we could attain righteousness apart from You, we would be prideful of such activity.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,

Thank You Lord that we are created by You in our entirety. We have been recreated in Christ for a purpose which is good works. Our lives are meant to be full of righteous activity for You.

which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Your truth for us to learn is that You have prepared all our existence from eternity past and that includes our work for You. Help us Lord to walk in Your ways.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



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