

August 23

1 Peter 1:22-23 (NIV) ²² Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, ²³ for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. **Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)** ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

As I have stated before, we have planted a fall garden. Each day we marvel as the seeds continue to grow, promising good fruit in due time. As I thanked the Lord for making the seeds grow, I remembered that some of those seeds were very old. I do not know how long we had had them, but we planted them anyway. Those seeds sprouted and grew just like the "fresh" seeds we had just purchased. That truth caught my attention. No matter how long those seeds remained out of the soil, they still contained life.

As I looked at that garden with "old" seeds, I could see my life. God's word tells us that each of us is fearfully and wonderfully made by God's own hands. We were created in Christ Jesus to do good works that our Father prepared for us before we were ever born. Those good works are like seeds. For a long time, I lived a life separated from Jesus and ignorant of His plans for me. Many of us have lived such a life in which we charted our own course and lived live according to our desires. We seldom, if ever, gave those good works a thought. Yet, those good works were seeds that never lost their power or purpose. The moment we turn from our lives of sin and turn to Jesus, those seeds are placed in good soil. They begin to grow in us. The Spirit of God begins to instruct us as to how we can make those seeds sprout. It does us no good to bemoan the years we spent away from the Lord. Instead, we are to marvel at His faithfulness and grace as He makes those seeds grow. It is never too late to serve the Lord. Today is a good day to let those imperishable seeds grow.