

Who Do You Think You Are?— When You Don't Feel Good Enough

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

Without Christ, you are not enough.

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ²You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. ... ³All 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

Until you admit you're a sinner, you won't see your need for a savior.

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵that 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!) Ephesians 2:4-5 NLT

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***poiema*: that which has been created, workmanship, masterpiece; God's poetic statement created by God for God's divine purposes**

**αὐτοῦ γάρ ἐσμεν ποίημα
autou gar esmen poiema
of Him for we are masterpiece**

You aren't saved by good works, but for good works.

For you [God] created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵My 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. ¹⁶Your 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 NIV

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 NIV

“I created a vision of David in my mind and simply carved away everything that was not David.” —Michelangelo

TALK IT OVER

Read **Ephesians 2:10**. God says you are His masterpiece. How does this truth make you feel? What does it tell you about God?

When did you first realize your need for a Savior? What was that experience like?

God has given all of us purpose. Before we were born, He set aside good things for us to do. What are some of the “good things” God has called you to do? Consider the big things and the small things.