We Are God’s Workmanship

Ephesians 2:8-10

Introduction

We are God’s workmanship – his masterpiece.

“I do not think there is a more exalted description of a believer in all of Scripture.”  F. F. Bruce

I. God’s handiwork is seen in our creation.

“So God made man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”  Genesis 1:27-29

“You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with honor and glory.”  Psalm 8:5

“We are fearfully and wonderfully made.”  Psalm 139:14

“Men go abroad to wonder at the height of the mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the season, at the circular motion of the stars; and they pass by themselves without wondering.”  Augustine

II. God’s handiwork is seen in our salvation. Verses 8-9

“We were dead in our transgressions, but God made us alive with Christ”  Ephesians 2:5

Ephesians 2:8-9 is a clear summary of how we are saved and it needs to be said again and again. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ – not by works!

Salvation is by grace. We could never earn it. It is a gift. That’s hard for people to accept. Because it is a gift, no one will be able to boast that the reason I am in heaven is because of something I did. It is all because of Christ.

Faith is the hand that reaches out to take hold of God’s gift.

III. God’s handiwork is seen in our sanctification. Verse 10

Faith and works go together – not to earn our salvation, but as a result of it.
If we have been saved, we will live differently.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” II Corinthians 5:17

Our primary calling is to follow Christ. As we do that, he will show us the work he wants us to do.

What is the work God wants you to do?

Conclusion

We are God’s workmanship.

The tools he uses are Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, his Word, and the preaching of the Word.

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