

God's Workmanship

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Psalm 8:3-4 (NLT) ³ When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place— ⁴ what are people that you should think about them, mere mortals that you should care for them?

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NKJV) ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Stages of God's Workmanship...

1. Starts with _____ . It is unmerited _____ .

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

Salvation is not based on your merit!

Phlp 3:4-9 (NIV) ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. ⁷ But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

a) Grace offered can be _____ .

b) Grace received is _____ .

2. Grace leads to _____ . Faith is our _____ .

Eph 2:8 (NIV) ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

Acts 16:31 (NIV) ³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."

John 1:12 (NIV) ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

Rom 4:5 (NIV) ⁵ However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

- True faith is _____ plus _____.

3. Faith leads to _____ . This teaches us that _____ comes before _____ .

Eph 2:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

DEF: "Workmanship" – *poiema* – from which we get our word poem.

Jesus said...

Matt 5:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

We are all called into the ministry!!

Eph 4:11-13 (NIV) ¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

We are all called to work for God's Kingdom!

1 Cor 12:14-20 (NIV) ¹⁴ Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

God wants to use you!!! Don't say, "I'm not qualified..."