

Series: Highlights of Ephesians (2)

GOD'S MASTERPIECE

Ephesians 2:10

4:1: **BE** what you **ARE**.

BE (in experience) what you ARE (in Christ)

The **commands** of chs 4-6 are based on the **facts** of chs 1-3

Every solution to every root problem you have is in your knowing and believing the Gospel.

Therefore every day learn to

→ **SIT** (rest in Christ)

→ **KNEEL** (seek to know His love & power)

→ **WALK** (put off old & put on new nature by faith & obedience)

→ **STAND** (aware of the spiritual battle, you resist temptation in His power)

The Gospel also gives you great **confidence** that you will be changed.

Look at the word, **WALK**.

1st use is in 2:2: you were dead and **walked** (i.e. lived) according to the values of this world (me first).

2:3 alienated from God and under His wrath

2:4 **BUT GOD...** His mercy (v4), His love (v4), His grace (v5), His kindness (v7)

2:4-7 made you **ALIVE** with Jesus, **RAISED** you to Heaven with Him, **SEATED** you with Him in the Heavens!

2:8-9 This was ALL by His grace; nothing of your contribution

2:10 Climax: you are His _____ !
Greek: "poema": work of art (cf. Rom 1:20)

Note perfect balance of His **sovereignty** and your **responsibility**:

SOV: His **masterpiece** (poem, work of art)

SOV: His **new creation** in Christ

Think Earth – Heavens – Animals – your Body – your Spirit
Cf. 4:23-24

SOV: He **prepared beforehand** good works for you to do

RESPONSIBILITY: **you** are to _____ in these good works, by faith and obedience.

You do the walking. **He** does the empowering.

Your desires, choices, priorities, lifestyle are changing because of Christ in your life.

Not more restrictive and ugly (judgmental legalistic subculture), but becoming a more beautiful Masterpiece (full of beauty, grace, loving truth).

Come walk with Jesus this week, seeing the difference He makes in your life.

And delight in the Masterpiece He is making of you to His glory.
One step at a time.