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Ephesians 2:10

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- Not the source of our salvation.  
Ephesians 2:8-9
- Are the result of our salvation.  
Ephesians 2:10
- Many do “good works” and are lost.  
Matthew 7:21; Acts 10:2, 22

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- “We Are His Workmanship”
- “Created” Ephesians 4:24 Used of the act of God (cf. Romans 1:25)
- “In Christ Jesus” Ephesians 1:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17 New creatures.

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- “for good works...”
  - God does not intend for us to be passive. cf. James 4:17 “... knoweth to **do good and doeth it not...**”
- “Which God afore prepared ...” Ephesians 1:3-4; cf. Titus 2:11ff, etc.
- “That we should walk in them.”  
cf. Titus 2 ... How to live!

## God Defines “Good Works” Proverbs 14:12

- What are “good works”?
  - Good question! John 6:27-29
- His word defines them and equips us to do them. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Titus 2:11

## What Are “Good Works”?

Hebrews 13:20-21 “Now the God of peace ... make you perfect in every **good thing to do his will, working** in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom (be) the glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

Good work

Do good works



Doing  
God’s will

Please God

## Your Good Works

- Are Observable. 1 Timothy 5:24-25
  - By God. Matthew 6:2-4
  - By people. Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Peter 2:11-12
- Are Influential. Matthew 5:13, 16; 1 Peter 2:12
  - Paul's desire was to save. cf. 1 Corinthians 9:22

## Your Good Works

- Are Not In Vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58
  - By them God is ***“working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight.”*** Hebrews 13:21
  - Rest comes to those who labor now.
    - *“...That they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them”* Revelation 14:13; cf. Hebrews 4:10

## To Walk In Good Works, We Must

- Be an example (pattern) of good works – Titus 2:7
- An example; a form to follow; “a figure formed by a blow or impression ...” cf. Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12.
  - Since your good works are observable & influential they are to be an example for others to follow.
- Like Titus, we are to be examples for Christ in word, attitude, worship, character, service, etc.

## To Walk In Good Works, We Must

- Be Zealous for Good Works – Titus 2:14.
- Burning with, “most eagerly desirous of,” fervent, burning desire.
  - We are to stir up good works in each other – Hebrews 10:24.
  - It is not ***“grievous”*** but a joy to walk in good works of God! – 1 John 5:3; 2:5
- Do not begrudge (resent) doing the good works of God.

## To Walk In Good Works, We Must

- Be Ready for Every Good Work – Titus 3:1.
- Prepared, ready, using opportunities. (Ephesians 5:16).
  - Ready to give answer. (1 Peter 3:15)
  - Readiness implies watchfulness & faithfulness to do what is good – cf. Matthew 24:42-46; (1 Timothy 6:17-19).
  - Shows wisdom rather than selfish ambitions – cf. Colossians 4:5-6.

## To Walk In Good Works, We Must

- Be Careful to Maintain Good Works – Titus 3:8.
- ***“Careful”*** – to think, to be careful, thoughtful to give attention to.
  - ***“Maintain”*** – “fix their attention on being active in providing help' or '... in giving aid” (Greek-English - Semantic Domain). Thoughtful and careful to continue to attend to good works.

How?

- By giving diligent attention to God's word  
– 2 Timothy 2:15.
- By looking for opportunities to apply it!  
cf. Galatians 6:10
- No room for neglect / apathy in carefully  
maintaining good works!

## To Walk In Good Works, We Must

**Learn to Maintain Good Works** – Titus 3:14.

- Increase our knowledge by use and practice;  
to be in the habit of (cf. Hebrews 5:14).
- “Goodness” characteristic of the fruit of the  
Spirit. – cf. Galatians 5:22-23.

## Conclusion:

- **God has prepared good works for all who are in Christ** – Ephesians 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.”
- **Only those who do the good works of God are pleasing to Him** – Hebrews 13:21. “make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom (be) the glory for ever and ever. Amen.