

Dear Friends,

***For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.***

Ephesians 2:10

I was struck during the week by this verse in Ephesians 2 and it has stayed with me day and night. I invite you to live with it too. Let it sink in. Memorise it. So often we praise God when we see the hills, the sunsets or the wild flowers, but we look at ourselves with a sense of disapproval and can often be discouraged. The amazing truth of this verse is that God made you, and he considers you and me to be a masterpiece. No other created thing pleases him quite like you do. He not only created, but he also gives you a unique purpose specific to you.

When we think about our identity, we're not only identified as Christians, we are also identified as 'God's handiwork'. Some translations of the Bible use the word, 'workmanship' which in the Greek is, 'poiema'. In other words, as followers of Jesus, we are God's poetry in motion. Think about that for a moment. Imagine that the God who created the heavens and the earth, the hills and the sunsets, also created you.

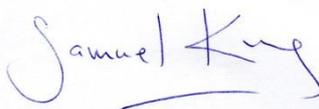
The verse also says that that God prepared good works for us to do. As a follower of Jesus, I know that there have been times when I've been tempted to do someone else's work, or to do my work like someone else. But God wants us to be confident in who he has made us to be. You and I were never made to do someone else's work. We were never made to mimic someone else. We are to remember that we are his handiwork, his masterpiece, his workmanship, his poetry in motion. There is no one else like you.

This verse has encouraged me to take time to reflect on why God delights in who he has made me to be. You may wish to take time to do that too. Remember that God is the one who made you, and he didn't make mistakes with you.

A Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for this wonderful reminder that I am your handiwork. Thank you that I am fearfully and wonderfully made. May my life display something more of your character each day. May I delight in the 'me' that you have made. May I use the uniqueness of my personality, gifting and calling for your glory. May I be your poetry in motion.

May God's richest blessing be yours this Easter!



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