



Ship Shape

EMBARKING ON A JOURNEY OF GROWTH
"WORKMANSHIP"

 New Life Christian Center
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Ephesians 2

1. Without Christ, there is something _____ with me.

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. Ephesians 2:1-3 (NLT)

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!). Ephesians 2:4-5 (NLT)

2. With Christ I am God’s _____.

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

See Psalms 139:13-16

3. As His workmanship... He has _____ for me to do.

For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by human desires. 2 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT)



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**DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS**
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[CONNECT]

Do you have a favorite painting or work of art? Why do you like it?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

1. How does the phrase "But God" in Ephesians 2:4-5 change the context of the previous verses?
2. In Ephesians 2:10, what are the implications of being called "God's workmanship" and how does that reality affect your sense of purpose?
3. Think of a recent situation where you felt overwhelmed by personal failure or sin. How does the truth of Ephesians 2:1-5 about God's mercy and grace speak into that situation?
4. Think of a task or responsibility you have this week. How can you approach it as part of the "good things he planned for us long ago" mentioned in Ephesians 2:10?
5. Identify a specific area in your life where you have struggled to see yourself as God's masterpiece. What is one step you can take this week to affirm this identity in Christ in that area of your life?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Consider your daily routine. What is one change you can make to ensure you are feeding the truth of God's word into your life more consistently?