

## **GOD'S WORKMANSHIP**

This is the fourteenth and final lesson in the Tuesday series entitled, **Saved by Grace** (Feb.17 – May 25).

We have used a formula with the series passage of Scripture (Eph.2:1-10).

- Eph.2:1-3      The Spiritual Death
- Eph.2:4        The Spiritual Bridge from death to life
- Eph.2:5-10    The Spiritual Life

Spiritual Bridge – God's Great Love  
(Eph.2:4)

Spiritual Death  
(in Adam/ Eph.2:1-3)

1 Cor.15:22

Spiritual Life  
(IN Christ/ Eph.2:5-10)

1 Cor.15:22

**Col.1:13-14**  
(1 Pet.2:9; Acts 26:18)

**This lesson will study four aspects of God's Workmanship.**

### **1. We have learned that the series passage consists of three Greek sentences (Eph.2:1-7; 8-9; and 10).**

Notice that Eph.2:8-9 and Eph 2:10 both begin with the causal conjunction gar [for]. The causal conjunction gar introduces a cause/ result clause regarding God's grace.

(Eph.2:8-9) "**For** by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God; **not as a result of works**, so that no one may boast."

- **1<sup>st</sup> doctrinal point of causal conjunction (cause/ result):**

(Eph 2:8-9) "**For** (because) grace you have been saved, **not of yourselves**, and **not as a result of works**, it is a **gift of God**."

- **2<sup>nd</sup> doctrinal point of causal conjunction (cause/ result):**

(Eph 2:10) "For we are His **workmanship** (because of grace), created in Christ Jesus for good works (results of grace salvation)."

### **2. Because all Church Age Believers (CABs) are saved by grace forever (eimi/ p.a.ind.1pl/ sozo/ perf.p.ptc. nplm) (Eph 2:5-9), we are His workmanship (poiema) [results of God's doing] (predicate nominative).**

WORKMANSHIP is another Positional Truth like "made alive together, raised up together, seated together in Him, and surpassing riches of His grace (Eph 2:5-10). "

As a predicate nominative, workmanship (**poiema**) emphasizes the result of God's doing grace salvation. Workmanship is actually a status privilege but we did not classify it as such in our list of [50 things](#). It is carried under the New Creation classification.

The English word POEM comes from this Greek word. God's amazing grace salvation is a poem of God's redemptive work through faith in the gospel of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

**Notice that we are told why?** (Eph 2:8-10) [note the two]

(NOT)\_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 2:9)

**3. Every Church Age Believer (CAB) is God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus. The Greek word for created is ktizo:**

- aorist tense: At the point of salvation
- passive: Grace
- participle: A new creation
- normative / plural / masculine (nplm): Every Church Age Believer.

(2 Cor.5:17-18) "Therefore **if (1cc) [true] anyone is in Christ, (then)** he is a **new creature (kaine ktisis); (then)** the old things passed away; **(then)** behold, **new things have come.** Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

Made a New Creation is 1 of [20 status privileges](#) received at the moment of salvation.

What is wrong with the old creation? (Gen.2:17; 3:6-19; Rom.5:12-21; 1 Cor.15:22; **Eph.2:1-3**)

(Gal.6:14-15) "But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, **but a new creation.**"

**4. We are God's workmanship created for good works (agathos ergon) [Divine Production].**

We do good works because we are saved not to get saved or to be kept saved.

Paul is referring to divine production based on God's grace and not on works of legalism (Gal.2:16; 3:3; Eph.2:9).

"For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

The Believer's divine production by grace and not by law was "prepared beforehand" at the Eternal Life Conference (ELC) (Eph.1:4).

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, (proetoimazo/ pro+hetoimazo/ a.a.ind.3ps) **that (hina) we should walk (peripateo/ a.a.subj.1pl) in** (en+loc of sphere) **them.**

Divine production resulting from walking (peripateo/ a.a.subj.1pl) in the sphere of good works which God prepared beforehand at the Eternal Life Conference (ELC) (1 Cor.3:10-15; 2 Cor.5:10; 1 Tim.6:17-19).

Divine production operates by the grace operating assets of the Christian Way of Life (CWL) such as by walking by the Indwelling of Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16-17) and by walking by faith cycle (2 Cor.5:7).

"So that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, **bearing fruit in every good work** and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Col.1:10; 2 Thess.2:16-17)

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