

You Were Created In Christ For Good Works

There isn't any one on this planet who was created for evil or bad things. Every baby coming into this world has been created for good however not everyone turns out that way. We know it and we see it around us.

Some how the Devil has had a chance to alter the good that was in us when created to do bad stuff and evil deeds.

God had a plan for our lives before we were born and I spoke about that last Sunday. Gods plans are for good not for evil to give us a *future and a hope*. (Jer29:11). Somewhere on our journey in life the devil has hijacked that plan and turned the good to bad without a future and a hope.

This is why many get off course, get desperate and many get depressed and end up with messed up lives because that God given future & hope has been stolen but there's good news!

In John 10:10 we read that *A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they may have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.*

Many have been robbed of Gods best for them in life but that's ok now there is hope, now there is a way out of that dead end life to a life that is filled with **hope and a future that has been guaranteed by Jesus Christ** himself where he said in *John 3:16 God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. **Anyone** who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. 17 God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world. He sent his Son to save the world through him.*

In John 3:36 we read this Anyone who believes in the Son has eternal life. Anyone who does not believe in the Son will not have life. God's anger remains on them.

Romans 5:9 tells us, *The blood of Christ has made us right with God. So we are even more sure that Jesus will save us from God's anger.*

Eph 2:8-10 tells us that *God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. 9 It is not based on anything you have done. No one can brag about earning it. 10 We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do.*

Wow! what a word of hope! What a word of encouragement!

Thank God we cannot save ourselves. You can only save someone who otherwise of his own accord cannot be saved... right? Gods grace which is His unmerited favour, his unmerited mercy, his compassion, his goodness, his love, his kindness is God choosing to bless us rather than curse us as our sin deserves. It is His benevolence to the undeserving.

You and I have been saved from sin by His grace not because of any merits or credits. It was Gods gift to us through Jesus. A Gift is not earned, it is given and when it is given it is given freely and it belongs to you the recipient. A gift is given because you want to give not because

you have to. God wanted to give out of love for us. We don't have to buy this gift and do good works for this gift or pretend to be religious or pious. God gives the gift of salvation by His grace and because he wants not based on anything we have said or done. Isn't that liberating!

God shows both mercy and grace, but they are not the same. Mercy withholds a punishment we deserve; grace gives a blessing we don't deserve.

We are God's creation! We were *created to do good works which He prepared a long time ago* and this comes through believing in Jesus Christ.

What Satan has destined for bad - God can make good through Jesus. What Satan has destroyed in our lives - God can resurrect in us (God raised Jesus from the dead when Satan thought he had destroyed him)

What Satan had stolen... God can give us freely... and restore life in us again. God is able to turn your life around today, right now.

Jesus is able to make all the wrongs... right. Jesus is able to set you free from your past failures and disappointments.

What the enemy uses to hurt you God can turn it around to prosper you. When the Devil says "Game over" You can say "**Game on**" because your God is so much bigger than you will ever be and through Him you can.

Tell yourself: *I am Gods creation. I was created to belong to Christ Jesus. I can do good because God had already prepared it for me. I am a winner!*