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GOD'S HANDIWORK

Jesus didn't intend to change us just enough to get into heaven when we die. He intends to transform us for our joy and to make us bearers of His image to draw others to Him.

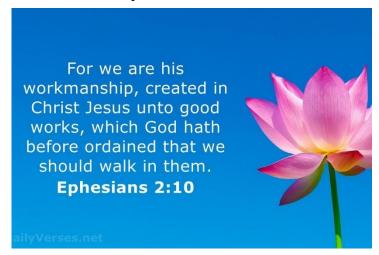
The holiness He calls us to isn't just to keep us out of hell, it is to make us pure vessels through whom the Gospel can flow through the testimony of our life and our lips to those who don't yet know Him.

The good works that are to follow us are not to earn us a place in heaven, they are to bear testimony to the richness of life that He offers. The world knows darkness, but we are Children of Light. The world knows the hatred, selfishness, greed and jealousy of the nature we inherited from Adam, but we know the love and generosity of Jesus.

That is His plan, and for that Life He came to earth, walked among man, suffered temptation without sinning, died on the cross to bear our sins, rose again, ascended to the Father, poured out His Holy Spirit, established the Church, and intercedes for us today at the Father's right hand.

To that Life we are called, and it's the really REALLY good way to live because it reconnects us to the Life that flowed from God to Adam and Eve in the Garden. It makes us "whole" human beings in relationship with Creator God as He originally intended for mankind. It satisfies the hungering and thirsting of the human soul - but it's a choice that we must make.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Eph. 2:10 niv



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