

Good morning, beloved! Taking a quick peek into our upcoming epistle reading for today, we are about to see just how gracious and loving our Creator is towards us!

*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. 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 2:8-10 (NLT)



Did you catch that? Everything – all the “who, what, where, when, why, and how’s” of this human existence begin and end with God. Often, however, we do our best to mess it all up, trying to do life our own way. This, as we know, has been going on ever since Adam and Eve had their fateful encounter with that wiley ol’ serpent in the garden. But God had, and has, different and better plans for us. Plans for a full life, lived out to the end for Jesus Christ, our Lord. In Him we are new, it says, perfect in God’s sight and free to be beautiful expressions of His love toward one another. But without Him, we are doomed. Doomed to a life of trying to prove our own worth then and empty eternity of worthlessness without God.

Brothers and Sisters, you have nothing to prove, to God or anyone else. It will never work. Instead, just be. Live free in Jesus. Amen.

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