

OUR 2020 IDENTITY *Ephesians 2:10*

Instead of seeking a good self-image, we have a Christ-identity because as believers we are _____ with Christ
Eph.2:8-10 teaches that salvation is of the Lord; no one is saved due to his own effort—all is of _____

I. OUR 2020 IDENTITY IN CHRIST

A. We Are GOD'S _____

- 1) This word comes from the common word for _____ in the NT + the ending that points to _____
- 2) What is the result of what a sculptor does? A painter does? An artisan does? A work of _____
- 3) A famous 20th century NT scholar suggested that the best translation of this word is _____
- 4) Jesus was the carpenter's son; this word actually means _____ --one skilled with his hands
- 5) In 2020 we must believe what God tells us in His Word about ourselves: we are His _____

B. We Are _____ in Christ Jesus

- 1) The word used in Genesis 1:1 means "created from _____"—only God can create from nothing
- 2) Eph.2 uses 2 metaphors to picture salvation: resurrection in vv.1-7 and _____ in vv.8-10
- 3) In the first creation, all human beings were created in _____ --literally in his loins when he sinned
- 4) In the 2nd creation, we are created in Christ—our salvation is due to our _____ with Him by faith
- 5) Man was created to do good works in the garden; we are created in Christ a 2nd time for good _____

C. God Has Prepared _____ Good Works for Us

- 1) In 2020 we can make big plans and ask God to sign on to bless our plans OR we can understand that God has planned the year for us and sign up for the good works that _____ has planned
- 2) "Prepared beforehand" can also mean that God pre-programmed the good works into _____

II. OUR 2020 RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE OF OUR IDENTITY

Salvation, even in the present tense, is of the Lord—HIS initiative, but the last phrase in verse 10, "that we should walk in them," indicates that we have human _____ with regard to these good works

A. We do not do good works in order to be saved; we do good works because we have _____ saved

B. Martin Luther: "Salvation is by faith alone, but not by faith that is _____"
Our good works are the _____ that God has truly saved us

C. As new creations, we are to _____ in good works: this word speaks of our _____

CONCLUSION: Are you a new creation as you enter the New Year?

If no, then turn to the Creator and ask Him to _____ your sins and make you a new creation—new inside

If yes, then sign up for the _____ that He has prepared beforehand for you to do in 2020