

Scripture: Ephesians 2

CoF 24 (3)

Singing: 242:1-4 – 175:1-4 – 32:1-4 – 446:3-4

Purpose: *To redeem good works from a bad reputation and misrepresentation*

You were re-created to do what you were originally ordained to do

I. You and I were originally created as God's workers

A. Ephesians 2:1 is not the beginning of our story (Genesis 1)

1. God designed you *purposely* for His pleasure (Rev. 4:11)

2. God designed you to *glorify Him* in all we do (1 Cor. 10:31)
 - a. we came out of our Creator's hands without a flaw

 - b. life on earth would 'abundant living' in righteousness, joy and peace

3. Then came the fatal day: *Adam and Eve failed to do 'good works'*

B. How will glory of Paradise life be realized again?

1. On the same basis of God's original covenant: Romans 10:5

2. Yet through a different *Worker's good works*: Romans 10:4

II. God's salvation is to re-create you to be His worker to do good works

A. Jesus life and death is not the only thing needed to be saved (Eph. 2:20)

B. You need Jesus spiritual overhaul: John 3:8; 1 Cor. 5:17; Titus 2:14

1. You are not only 'forgiven' but also are sanctified in Christ

2. You will also be personally sanctified: Phil. 3:20-21; 1 John 3:1-3

3. Yet that is no reason to 'sit back and relax': Phil. 2:12; Lev. 20:7-8

Reflections ...

A. Be realistic: *God's workmanship not completed till you go from grace to glory*

B. Be humble: *you are by grace of God alone what you are*: Eph. 2:11

C. Be comforted: *your salvation is not based on your good works*

D. Be prayerful: *Create in me a clean heart, O God*: Ps. 51:10

Dear children,

Tonight you hear about good works. Hope you will listen well. To help you, try to listen to answer the questions.

1. Mark each sentence with a "R" (right) or "W" (wrong)

___ Good works is to and do good like God.

___ We are saved by trying to be good to God.

___ When created, Adam and Eve were able to do good works.

___ All pain and suffering in our world is because of men's sins.

___ Jesus went to heaven because He did all the good works needed.

___ Once you are forgiven of your sins, you won't worry about sin anymore.

___ In order to a good work you need to be born again (have a new heart).

___ When saved, you will not be without sin till you are really old.

___ The Gospel only tells us about Jesus dying for His sinful people but tells us that go become perfect is after our hard work.

2. Give two examples of the good works Jesus did in His life.

3. What is meant with 'the covenant of works' God made with Adam?

4. Copy the prayer of David in Ps. 51:10 and use this in your own prayers daily.
