

His Pt 8 - God's Handiwork

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:8-9

you were dead in your transgressions and sins, Ephesians 2:1

Committing sinful acts does not make us sinners; we commit sinful acts because we are sinners.

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned— Romans 5:12

19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. Romans 5:19

The greatest need of all people everywhere is to be made alive to God through Jesus Christ.

Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." John 11:43-44

"Unbind him, and let him go." John 11:44 ESV

Before we can do any good work for the Lord, He has to do His good work in us by bringing us to life.

We don't do good works to be saved, but because we are saved.

Ask God to reveal a need to you and meet that need.

14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 1 John 3:14

One of the distinguishing marks of a believer in Christ is not that we do those good things, but that we actually become excited about them.

"to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good." Titus 2:14