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Call & Commitment Sermon Outline

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Text: Ephesians 2:10

Title: Being God's Workmanship

Background

Everything good about us has come from the hand of God:

- Ephesians 1:3 – He has blessed us with spiritual blessings
- Ephesians 1:4 – He has chosen us to be holy
- Ephesians 1:5 – He has brought us into His family
- Ephesians 1:6 – He has given us grace
- Ephesians 1:7 – He has forgiven us
- Ephesians 1:13 – He has given us the Holy Spirit
- Ephesians 2:1-9 – He did all this for us when we were still “dead” in sin and weren't even interested in Him. We owe Him a great debt.

So...

What is the proper response to all of this?

2:10

God did all this for us in order to make us useful to Him. We are His “workmanship” – a new creation made to do “good works”... made to follow the path He lays out for us (“prepared in advance for us to do”). The “good works” are His not ours. God's “workmanship” is to get to work doing God's “works”. We can marvel at God's workmanship in the beauty of creation – but that is not God's highest work. God's masterpiece is His Kingdom in the world – His church – sinners saved by grace – defective material transformed into useful instruments ready to do His will.





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1. God's workmanship is not subject to worldly standards

Following the call of God may not be approved by your family and friends. But doing what is best for my family is not the priority. Doing what is best for my bank account is not the priority. Doing the will of God is best.

2. God's workmanship should get busy doing God's work

Since I owe Him such a great debt, I must give Him my all without any hesitation. I can choose a life that will be somewhat useful to the Lord and His Kingdom. Or I can ask Him what He wants from me... and do that.

3. God's workmanship must be evident

If I am not spending time in the Word and in prayer, I will be an inadequate worker. If I am not serious about my spiritual journey – pursuing holiness in the everyday – there's no evidence that I am God's workmanship. A hunger for holiness is the first step toward commitment and the first response in following God's call.

