

The Christian Life In Christ

Ephesians 2.10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Gods' Workmanship

- ➤ Christians are "God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works" (Ephesians 2:10).
- ➤ "to do good works" epitomize the behavior that glorifies God and makes Christ real to others.
- ➤ Christians are called to live lives that are "holy and pleasing to God" (Romans 12:1)
- Exemplary Christian behavior allows us to fully commit ourselves to serving the Lord is made possible as we are empowered by the Holy Spirit who enables us to do the Father's will (Romans 8:9).
- "the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him" (2 Chronicles 16:9).

The Spirit-filled life is a fountain bubbling over with joy (see Acts 13:52). Four results of the Spirit's filling:

- 1. Boldness to witness—<u>Acts 4:8-12</u>, <u>31</u>; <u>Acts 13:52</u>, <u>Acts 14:3</u>
- 2. Powers for service—Acts 1:8, Acts 6:3, 8; Acts 11:24
- 3. Generosity—Acts 4:31-32
- 4. Exaltation of Christ—Acts 9:17-20, 10:44-46

Fully Committed to Serving the Lord

- 1. All your sins are instantly forgiven. 1 John 1:9.
- 2. You get help to stop consciously sinning altogether Hebrews 2:18 and Hebrews 4:15-16.
- 3. The Holy Spirit starts to teach you and free you from yourself. John 16:13.
- 4. You have peace and joy that nothing can take away. Romans 8:28 and Psalm 23:1
- 5. Jesus is your mighty Helper and Friend! Hebrews 2:18 and Hebrews 4:15-16.
- 6. Your earthly and material needs will be taken care of. Matthew 6:31-33.
- 7. Your life will become stable. Ephesians 4:14
- **8.** You will always have something to do. Ephesians 2:10.
- 9. You will have meaningful relationships (<u>1 John</u> <u>1:7</u>)
- **10.** You will be a light in this world. <u>1 John 4:4</u>, <u>John 16:33</u> and <u>1 John 5:4</u>.
- **11.** You will rule in the world to come. Revelation 3:21.

Empowered By the Holy Spirit

- 1. He is an answer to prayer (Jn 14:16)
- 2. He is called another Helper, the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:16, 26)
- 3. He is the Paraclete, the One Who comes alongside
- 4. He will be with us forever (Jn 14:16)
- 5. He is the Spirit of truth (<u>Jn 14:17</u>, <u>Jn 15:27</u>)
- 6. He comes in the Name of Jesus He accomplishes what Jesus desires (Jn 14:26)
- 7. He will teach us all things (Jn 14:26)
- 8. He will bring to remembrance the Word of God (Jn 14:26)
- 9. He is sent by Jesus from the Father (Jn 15:26, Jn 16:7)
- 10. He bears witness of Jesus (Jn 15:26)
- 11. By implication, we will bear witness of Jesus (Jn 15:27)
- 12. Jesus must go away for the Helper to come (Jn 16:7)
- 13. He will convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment (Jn 16:8)
- 14. He will guide us into all truth (Jn 16:13, cp Jn 16:14b)
- 15. He will speak what He hears (from Jesus, from the Father) (Jn 16:13)
- 16. He will disclose what is to come (Jn 16:13)
- 17. He will glorify Jesus (Not Himself) (Jn 16:14)