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GOD'S MASTERPIECE**

Greetings in the name of the Lover of our souls- Jesus Christ of Nazareth!

Friends, we are writing this month a more abbreviated Living Logos teaching newsletter because we have an exciting offer to make to you. So, if you have not done so already, please take a moment to read the letter that was included with this month's Living Logos because it describes our exciting announcement in detail. But as for this month's teaching, I felt led to include a small portion from the New Creation audio series that we are making available to you this month. Set's get right into it, shall we?

In Ephesians chapter 2, the Apostle Paul lays out to us some wonderful truths that we would do good to become established in. In verses 1-3, he shows us what our situation was before coming to the knowledge of the Lord, and in verses 4-9, he shows us all that God did for us by His amazing grace. But I want us to notice how the Apostle Paul concludes this great doctrinal lesson... He ends it by saying in verse 10- "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

This word "For" at the beginning of verse 10 shows us that Paul is explaining the end result of the gift of salvation that God has given us through our faith in Jesus. So what did He accomplish in us by His grace? The Apostle Paul said that we have been made His "workmanship", being created in Christ Jesus!

Now when the Bible says that we are His workmanship and created in Christ Jesus, what part of us is it referring to? Well, obviously it was not referring to our bodies as the part of us being changed because if we were bald headed before we got saved, we were bald headed after we got saved. Obviously, it was not referring to our souls either because our mind did not miraculously change when we got saved. So the part of us that became a new creation and a product of His workmanship had to have been that third and final part of our being (i.e. our spirit) right? Yes, it was our spirit that was recreated in Christ at the moment we were born again and is a product of God's workmanship.

So what does this mean that we are His "workmanship"? This word comes from the Greek word "poiema" which is where we get our words "poem" and "poetry" from. As a matter of fact, this word "poiema" came to describe something that was a product of an artist's handiwork or artwork- like say a sculpture or a painting. Therefore, this word describes something that is a product of one's creativity and artistic abilities. Oh, hallelujah! Do you see where this is going?

So when the Apostle Paul said that we are God's "workmanship" here in Ephesians 2:10, you could translate this that we are God's own work of art! Better yet, since God- who has to be considered the most creative and wonderful artist ever to exist- is the one who designed and sculptured our spirit, then you could say that we are His masterpiece! Hallelujah! Did you get that? You are God's own handiwork, His work of art, and His masterpiece! You have been created in Christ- beautifully and ornately fashioned by the Creator, who is the epitome of creativity and artistry! And let me assure you in the worst English that I can: God don't make no junk! ☺ If you are His workmanship, then you are perfect, complete, and beautiful! There are no flaws in your spirit man!

In fact, do you know the reason why your spirit is flawless? It is because you have received the spirit of Christ Himself! That is why Paul said in this verse that you were created (i.e. recreated) in Christ Jesus. It is because it is in His image and in His likeness that you have been designed!

So let's use the analogy of a painting or a sculpture to describe what happened in your spirit when you were born again... When God took your dead spirit, where no good thing dwelt and painted/sculpted you into a new creation in Christ, what He did was He painted on the canvas of your heart the likeness of Jesus Christ! What He did was He sculpted, as the potter sculpts the clay, a full image of Jesus Christ Himself in your inner man! So He made you all that He is because you are in Him and He is in you! Praise be unto God!

Understanding this is what will make truths in the Word of God such as we are the righteousness of God, we are saints, and we are beloved, easier to accept! It is because it is not our righteousness! It is not our holiness! It is not a matter of how lovely we are! You are accepted, forgiven, redeemed, saved, righteous, holy, and loved because of who He is in you! So when the Father looks into a born again, child of God, He is not looking at our faults and shortcomings; He is looking at the beautiful image of Jesus Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is what makes us God's masterpiece!

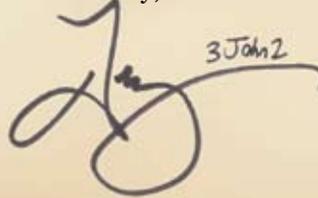
The reason the majority of the church has trouble accepting this is because most identify themselves by who they are in the flesh. But as, 2 Corinthians 5:16 says, we are no longer to judge anyone according to the flesh, and that includes ourselves! We are to form our opinion of our self by looking at the inward man, the hidden man of the heart. To not do so, is to look at an extremely valuable painting and to estimate its value solely by the frame that holds the painting itself. This, of course, is utter foolishness! I mean, who goes to the Musee du Louvre in Paris to see the original Mona Lisa painting and stands there admiring only the frame and not considering the portrait inside the frame? No one does that! So why do we only focus on our earthen vessel and not consider the treasure that has been placed within us?

Friends, in the eternal part of you has been placed a beautiful and perfect masterpiece! So let's begin to focus on what is important and what is eternal! God placed a priceless treasure in our hearts the moment we were born again. Let's esteem it! Let's give attention to the new creation we have been made in Christ!

Like I said, this is just a taste of the powerful truths contained in our new audio series entitled "The New Creation." So we encourage you to get it and let these truths become yours today!

Till next month... Maranatha!

Victoriously,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Trey Dickerson', with the initials '3Jah2' written to the right of the signature.