

Flip the Blessing

[Ephesians 2: 10](#)

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(Summary for Men's Breakfast)

To start, I'd like you to pair up with someone, and point fingertip to fingertip at each other. One person take the lead and the other follow as you draw patterns in the air between you. You can learn to follow each other, but it may be too fast for you to keep up. I'll get back to this example in a little bit.

Let's start the message with "Blessing." Like shown last week when we learned about the Beatitudes, you are blessed even when things turn on you.

Now let's break Ephesians 2:10 into three parts:

- 1. For we are God's handiwork,**
- 2. created in Christ Jesus to do good works,**
- 3. which God prepared in advance for us to do**

1. For we are God's handiwork. The word "FOR" means that it refers to the previous passage, which says "It is by grace you have been saved, not by yourself ... not by works." You did not save yourself, and there is nothing that you can do to earn it. You are God's handiwork. You are God's. You are not your own. Your hands, with all their weakness or imperfections, are God's hands. You are God's ... Your stuff is God's ... everything you own is God's. But they are yours to use when you have them. If God wants them back, then they are his to take because they belong to Him. If God calls someone you love home, they were not yours to begin with. We will miss them but we are all God's.

God made you with a purpose. It doesn't matter what misfortunes you've had, or what your abilities or weaknesses are, you are God's handiwork and you have a specific purpose.

2. "Created in Christ Jesus to do good works." When you become a Christian, you are changed in Christ. You become repurposed and you cannot go back to what you were before. You are no longer what you thought you were. You are now created in Christ to do something else .. to bless others. If you read the Beatitudes in Mathew 5, you will see that you are not called to be successful by worldly terms, that is to do "well." Instead, you are called to do good. Christ blessed you so that you can bless others. You are CALLED to bless others.

3. "Which God prepared in advance for us to do." I wonder how God can keep up with each of us individually while He also keeps the universe in play. How can God keep up with ME when the universe is so vast and so many things are more important than me?

I have a confession. I love being around people, but sometimes I withdraw into myself and I feel really lonely. I feel like nobody understands me. It's crazy that I feel lonely because I'm always surrounded by people!

Let me tell you something. God understands you. He knows what the desires of your heart are, what your wants are, and what attracts you. He understands your tendencies, quirks, and passions. And He isn't in some far off place ... He's been along side of you this whole time. He sets circumstances up around you and He has a plan for you.

You might not understand it, but God designed and created you just the way you are, and no matter your past or your current condition, you are absolutely called to be a blessing to others. If you are on this earth, you are made to bless others. He knows your current condition. You are not alone, and you are never too wounded to serve Him and be a blessing to others.

Think back to that exercise that we did earlier with a partner. That is the way God leads us. He is not way off somewhere far from us, instead, is never far away.

Amen.