

## **CREATED UNTO GOOD WORKS**

As Christians we have different understanding and persuasions about God's plan for us in bringing us to himself through Christ Jesus.

Some think, 'oh well God has done all that he has done so that we could be saved from sin and Satan and go to heaven', while some think, 'God has done all that he has done for us just because he has seen how much we have suffered at the hand of the devil'.

To all these I say, true but only partially true, it is important to realize that the goal of salvation or redemption was that we might rediscover the purpose of God in His original creation, look at Eph 2:8-10

**For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not of works, that any man should boast, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto *good works*, which God hath ordained that we should walk in them'.**

We were created to do good works, God planned for us to be fruitful unto good works!

You remember what Jesus said to his disciples in Matthew 5, "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven"

We need to be just like Jesus, doing good whenever we have the opportunity, this is our call, I fear that we who are in "Ministry" have raised a generation of believers whose sole pre-occupation is themselves, this is a failure in leadership, let me share these words with you.

Jesus said to me recently "you cannot go about unconcerned about the problems and issues that people face, then again he said "never let an opportunity to do good pass you by", that is a tough command to follow, sometimes when you do this people will misunderstand your motives and hate you for it" But listen up.

Paul said to Titus, let those who have believed be careful to maintain good works, Titus 3:8 see also 2:14.

What are these good works? They are many and varied, and will include praying for the sick, acts of charity, and mercy, preaching the gospel, hospitality, just about any and everything Jesus would do if he were alive in the flesh we have to ask ourselves, what is my main pre-occupation, my self or the people that are around me? The church needs to remember her call and her purpose; we are Gods workmanship in Christ Jesus, created to live lives of doing good.

**To be continued**

