

**In Christ: "His Workmanship"**  
**Ephesians 2:8-10; I Thessalonians 4:9-12; I Timothy 6:17-19**

**We Are Saved By Grace Through Faith - Eph 2:8-9**

- "Grace": God's saving activity - Acts 15:11; Eph 2:5
- "Faith": Our receptivity of God's saving activity - Jo 1:12

**We Become Living Illustrations of His Workmanship - Eph 2:10**

- To walk in His good works is to live in the meaning and purpose of our lives - Eph 2:7,10
  - ...so we might live forever "to the praise of His glory" - Eph 1:6,12,14
- For example: (I Thess 4:9-12; I Tim 6:17-19)

**We are called to LOVE DEEPLY - I Thess 4:9,10**

- ...anyone who has experienced God's love ("agape") must express brotherly love ("philadelphia")
  - I Jo 3:16; I Jo 4:19
- ...learn to be a contributor, not a consumer - Eph 5:1-2
- ..."God's love in me for you will never die" - Jo 13:1

**We are called to LIVE SIMPLY - I Thess 4:11; II Cor 11:3**

- ...cultivate being at home in God's holy constants - I Jo 2:17; Lk 12:15
  - ...learn to live from your true center - Col 3:4; Ga 2:20
  - ...develop a simple, overreaching, all-important single standard - Phil 3:13,14
- ("First the kingdom"; "in the name of Jesus Christ"; "to know you and express your life"; "not I, but Christ")

**We are called to WORK WELL - I Thess 4:11; Eph 6:5-9**

- ...work is an expression of our "imageness" - Gen 1:26
- ...learn to get your "well done" from God - Matt 25:21; Matt 6:1-4

**We are called to GIVE GENEROUSLY - I Tim 6:17-18**

- ...know the difference between greed and sufficiency - Lk 12:15; Eph 4:19; Eph 5:3
- ...learn that we are stewards of everything, owners of nothing - Lk 19:11ff
- ...make your life and your life's work an offering to God and to others - II Cor 8:5; Ja 1:17-18; II Cor 9:6-8