

Chosen, Called, Anointed – Part 1

Overview: He chose us, He saved us, He raised us up with Jesus to heavenly places, and He gave us a destiny (Eph 1:4; 2:1-10). For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Eph 2:10). We are not saved by works, but we are saved for good works. We position ourselves for our destiny with clarity, desire, and determination. We achieve our destiny through consistency with our thoughts, words, and actions.

A. We Are God's Workmanship.

1. God created us; formed us to be unique, with a purpose. We were designed with every attribute and capacity. Molded and forged by his hand for his purposes.
2. Psa 139:16, Mat 25:15, Ex 3:10-12.

B. Created in Christ Jesus.

1. The regenerative power of the Holy Spirit has made us new creations in Christ Jesus. God's supernatural power has been added to our natural abilities, making us super conquerors in Christ Jesus.
2. 2 Cor 5:17, Tit 3:-8, Rom 8:37

C. For Good Works.

1. The outflow of the grace of God to us is to produce fruit. The good works are to be all that God has called us to be, and to do all that God has called us to do. As we submit ourselves fully to the grace and love of God, He produces fruit through us that blesses us and others.
2. Joh 15:2-5, 1 Tim 6:18, Tit 2:14

D. Which God Before Ordained That We Should Walk in Them.

1. God has set us up to be victorious. He has laid out the plan and equips us to fulfill it. We cannot lose when we follow His plan as we listen to the Holy Spirit.
2. Acts 22:14, 2 Pet 1:10

E. Good Works: To Be and To Do.

1. The scriptures lay out two aspects of good works. The first has to do with us being all that God has called us to be in Christ Jesus. The second has to do with us doing all that God has called us to do.
2. **Being:** The work that God does in us is a regenerating work that changes us at the core of our being. We become that new creation in Christ in our spirit. The being-work then, is to work out the new creation in Christ in every part of our being. The goal, according to Eph 3:16-19, is to let Christ dwell in our hearts by faith. So that we are rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, so every part of us, heart, soul, and mind, is filled with all the fullness of God.

3. **Doing:** The work that God is doing in us should flow through us to others. The effective fruit of doing will always flow from the fruit of being. It is both causative and cyclical. In other words, you don't have to wait to be perfect to minister, but as you grow in being what God has called you to be, your capacity to minister grows.

F. God's Work in You to Be His Child!

1. **Deal with Sin:** 2Ti 2:20-22 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work. 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
2. **Let the Word Train You:** 2Ti 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
3. **Seek to Do His Will:** Col 1:9-10 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.
4. Create a plan to implement these items into your life. Ask the Lord what he would have you do with each of these areas. Make a list and create a way to track how you do on each item daily. Many of us call this a matrix. It assures us we do what God has asked us to do each day.