

The Order of God!
What God did...and is doing!
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- Is coffee good for you?
- The best part of waking up - is Folgers in your cup!
- Coffee and Jesus
- In that order
- The order of God
- What God has done in our life
- What God is doing in our life

Eph. 2:8-10 (ESV) 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

What God did...and is doing:

1st) God did good **IN YOU**.

Eph. 2:8 (ESV) 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

- Saved from what?
- Both saved from something and saved for something
- For Shalom - A flourishing life with Jesus
- From the whole chaotic mess that is our existence
- There is no category of human need that God doesn't want to redeem
- "In our world, something is terribly wrong and cries out to be put right"

Matt. 6:13b (ESV) deliver us from evil

- Evil is simply this - To will the bad
- Evil when gets lodged into the human heart, it goes by the biblical name sin

Matt. 1:21b (ESV) for He will save people from their sins

The problem for us is the definition of salvation is **TOO SMALL**.

- Salvation isn't just about getting you into heaven...it's about getting heaven into you!
- It's not about relocation it's about transformation

Romans 12:2 (NIV) Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- It's not about what God wants to do to you...it's about what God wants to do in you!
- Salvation is about allowing Jesus kingdom life example to infiltrate our little lives one moment at a time, 1 decision at a time and 1 choice at a time
- Salvation didn't just happen - it is happening!

2nd) God did good **WITH YOU**.

Eph. 2:9 (ESV) not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

- Jesus made your coffee
- Jesus paid for your coffee
- All you have to do is enjoy it
- To think that you did it yourself produces self-righteousness or arrogance
- To know that Jesus reached out to you produces thankfulness
- God created you exactly how he wanted to create you

Jer. 1:5 (MSG) "Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you."

3 Insights from Jeremiah:

A) God **UNIQUELY** shaped you. *"Before I shaped you in the womb,*

B) God knows all your secrets and still **LIKES** you. *I knew all about you*

C) Don't **UNDERESTIMATE** what God wants to do in your life. *I had holy plans for you."*

3rd) God wants to do good **THROUGH YOU**.

Eph. 2:10 (ESV) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Colossians 3:17(NIV) "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

- God saved me to do good works
- God saved me to serve others
- Understanding what God had done in my life makes me want to share that with others
- I share God's grace by serving others

Colossians 3:23 (ESV) Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

1 Peter 4:9-10 (MSG) Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and he'll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything

- If we're not reaching the people that Jesus reached then we're not preaching the Gospel Jesus preached.

Romans 5:8 (ESV) but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.