

Salvation and Good Works - Part 3

(Ephesians 2:10)

III. Salvation is the gift of God making a **new creation**. (Ephesians 2:1, 5)

- **Workmanship** occurs only one other place in the New Testament (translated “what has been made”). (Romans 1:20; 2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - Paul is referring to the original creation. Just as God brought that creation into existence for His purpose and glory, so it is when He saves a soul.
 - God changes the heart of stone for a heart of flesh which is alive to God.
 - Genuine salvation **changes the bent** of our lives from hostility towards God to submission to Him.
 - Many people confuse making a decision for Christ with genuine salvation.
- We are not saved **by** good works, but we are saved **for** good works.

IV. There are **four types** of good works.

1) Works of **obedience**.

- Obeying the commands of scripture. (Matthew 7:21; James 1:22-25)

2) Works of **love**.

- Love for God and our fellow man, with the goal of God’s glory. (1 John 4:7-8, 12)
- Just as the sunrise shows us a glimpse of God, people can see a glimpse of God when we show good works of obedience and love!