

Stewards of God's Grace Part 1

We are God's Workmanship

Psalms 19:1 (NIV)

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

1. God is the artist we are the art.

Jeremiah 18:1-4 (NIV)

1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." 3 So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. 4 But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.



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Isaiah 64:8 (NIV)

8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

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Jeremiah 18:5-6 (NIV)

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me: 6
"O house of Israel, can I not do with you as
this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like
clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in
my hand..."

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Romans 9:20-21 (NIV)

20 But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'"

21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

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Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2. Letting God begin his work of grace in us.

Ephesians 2:1-3a (NLT)

1 Once you were dead, doomed forever because of your many sins. 2 You used to live just like the rest of the world, full of sin, obeying Satan, the mighty prince of the power of the air. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passions and desires of our evil nature.

2. Letting God begin his work of grace in us.

Romans 3:23 (NLT)

23 For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV)

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.

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Romans 5:8 (NIV)

8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Ephesians 2:5-9 (NIV)

6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

3. Letting God continue His work of grace in us.

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Galatians 2:21 (KJV)

21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

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Romans 5:1-2 (NIV)

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

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Romans 5:3-5 (NIV)

3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

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2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

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Matthew 6:26 (NIV)

26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?