

Philippians 1:3 Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.:4 Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy.:5 for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.:6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

REVIEW: YOU ARE HIS MASTERPIECE

Ephesians 2: 6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. 7 So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. 8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God's MASTERPIECE. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

A WORK DONE WITH EXTRAORDINARY SKILL, ESPECIALLY A SUPREME OR ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

GREAT WORK OR MAGNUM OPUS- CREATION THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN MUCH CRITICAL PRAISE, ONE THAT IS CONSIDERED THE GREATEST WORK OF ONE'S CAREER, OUTSTANDING CREATIVITY, SKILL, PROFUNDITY OR WORKMANSHIP.

FROM MESS TO MASTERPIECE

IN MANY WAYS THE BEAUTY IS NOT IN THE CREATION BUT THE PATH THE ARTIST HAS TAKEN IN ORDER TO GET THERE.

EVERY MASTERPIECE REQUIRES A MASTER

Matthew 8:26 Jesus responded, Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!” Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm.

- 1. THE MASTERPIECE GETS VALUE FROM THE MASTER**
- 2. THE MASTER WAS IN EXISTENCE BEFORE THE MASTERPIECE**
- 3. WITHOUT THE MASTER ITS JUST “A PIECE”.**

EVERY MASTERPIECE REQUIRES A MESS

Ephesians 2:3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

THE PIECE IS A MESS

Jeremiah 18:1 -4 HE MADE IT OVER

THE MASTER BECOMES A MESS

WHAT THE ARTIST SUFFERS IN ORDER TO PRODUCE IS THE STORY THAT WE HEAR MORE THAN THE MASTERPIECE ITSELF

JESUS DIED.....

John 3:16 For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

INTRODUCTION

I CANNOT BECOME A MASTERPIECE UNTIL MY VISION CHANGES...

Philippians 3:13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

WE WERE RECREATED TO DO GOOD THINGS.

10 For we are God's MASTERPIECE. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

WE BECAME THE GREATEST ACT OF HIS EXISTENCE

AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR LIFE YOU MUST DECLARE WHAT HE SAID...I AM HIS MASTERPIECE.

“UNFINISHED BUSINESS”

1. THIS IS A LONG-TERM BUSINESS

6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

2. THIS IS A GOD BUSINESS

Psalms 139:13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.

Psalms 139:14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

Psalms 139:15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,

as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

Psalms 139:16 You saw me before I was born.

Every day of my life was recorded in your book.

**Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.**

**Psalms 139:17 How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.
They cannot be numbered!**

**Psalms 139:18 I can't even count them;
they outnumber the grains of sand!**

**And when I wake up,
you are still with me!**

1. GET PAST THE TEMPLE

MOST OF US CAN'T GET PAST THE WRAPPING PAPER

**Psalms 139:14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!
Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.**

2. GET PAST YOUR PAST

ADDRESSING MY SIN ISSUES

**SIN BLURS YOUR VISION...MINIMIZES YOUR FAITH...SLOWS YOUR
GROWTH.**

- CONFESS YOUR SINS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

**1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to
forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.**

- BE SURE YOU HAVE ONE FRIEND WHO YOU TRUST

**- BE AWARE OF AREAS THAT ARE CONNECTED TO TRAUMA,
GRIEF OR OTHER EMOTIONAL BROKENNESS.**

**James 5:16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other
so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person
has great power and produces wonderful results.**

3. GET PAST YOU

Philippians 3:13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

HE WORKS IN SPITE OF US BECAUSE HE IS GOD AND WE ARE NOT. IF YOU AND YOUR ISSUES COULD STOP HIM, YOU WOULD BE GOD!

- YOU HAVE HIS DNA**
- YOU HAVE PURPOSE**
- YOU HAVE DESTINY**