

Q: Who Do You Think You Are? -> Week 4

A: In Christ, I Am A Masterpiece!

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Series Key: My IDENTITY Shapes How I Act and What I Choose.

- **Paul Says You Are A MASTERPIECE!**

⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰For 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. Ephesians 2:9-10 NLT

¹⁰For we are God's **handiwork**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:8-10 NIV

¹⁰For we are His **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 NASB

Masterpiece: poiema. something made, work, handiwork, that which is created by the divine.

- **King David Taught That God CREATED You Before Birth!**

For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; ¹⁶Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.

Psalm 139:13-16

AS GOD'S MASTERPIECE, I WILL REMEMBER THAT...

- **God Never Wastes My HURT.**

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who **comforts us** in all our troubles, so that **we can comfort those** in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

- **God Uses TRIALS For Divine Purposes.**

²**Consider it pure joy**, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-3

Blind man: "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the **works of God might be displayed** in him. John 9:3

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that **you may be overjoyed when his glory** is revealed. 1 Peter 4:12-13

- **God Use My PAIN To Make Me Like Jesus.**

And we know that in all things God works for the **good** of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those God foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed to the image of his Son...**

Romans 8:28-29