

Hello! This is Dorothy -

How are you this morning? It is so lovely to talk to you. I wish I could just call in to your house. We could have a little time of prayer together. It would be so special, but you are on my heart and I am praying for you, and I thank you for your prayers for me.

I want to thank God that from **Ephesians, chapter 2**, there is one of the most important verses, as far as I am concerned, that could change a life around. It is a simple verse in **verse 9** that says - **Not of works, lest any man should boast.** This is how we earn our way to heaven, we say. We work; we do the best we can; we become very religious and somehow we are a little bit better than the others and this balances off! These are very clear words. I will be very honest with you: I would not like to be in any kind of a heaven if I was here with a group of ladies, who were all bragging on what they did! Wouldn't it be awful? Could you imagine - "Well, I went here and I did that and I did the other!" No, our boasting is in Christ Jesus. Therefore, this verse is terribly important. For it says in **verse 8 - For by grace ye are saved through faith . . . it is very clear - . . . and not of yourselves. . . -you can't do it, I can't do it . . . it is the gift of God.** Then, and I love it: **Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

Please, please, do not be deceived like I was for years and years! I really was in the competition game of trying to outdo the most religious person I knew, hoping for a good place in heaven. Nobody can get to heaven — I do not care how religious they are — nobody can get to heaven by their works. It is the work of Christ Jesus upon the Cross. He made it very clear. He said, El telestia — He said, **It is finished.** When He said, **It is finished**, He did not say, “And I need you helping Me, too!” No - it is all done! Therefore, it says so clearly - . . . **lest any man should boast.**

10 For we are his workmanship . . . Everything that He is allowing in our life is to bring glory to Himself. He is putting in a tremendous amount of work around our lives. All the problems, all the things that happen, cause us to absolutely draw upon Him. He is showing to the heavenlies, the angelic hosts who are all watching what is going on and saying, “This is My work of grace. This is what I am doing in Dorothy. I have allowed those pains and those sufferings and those problems to come.” For it goes on to say: **For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God had before ordained that we should walk in them.** Please notice these works. These are not my works; these are God’s works. This is what God planned. This is the same God who created the heavens and the earth and brought them forth with His Word, who has planned through your life and through my life works He has planned.

Not my works; His works. What does that mean? I start the day and I say, *Lord, I am available. I am available for Your works. When the problem comes up or there is the person You want me to share Christ with. I am there, Lord. I am available. Although my little ideas of this day might be turned upside down, I am available for Your works. I have been created for Your good works, wonderful works to be performed through me. And it is not by accident who I meet; it is not by accident where I am; it is not by accident what Your plan is for this day, because before it all, You ordained that I should walk in them.*

Are you willing to say, *I am ready to walk in Your works today — not My works; Your works, Lord?* Am I talking to a Christian? You love the Lord, but you have been busy do, do, doing? Will you quit? Will you say, **Not I, but Christ who lives through me.** *Your works, Lord. Yes, Lord, I am saying yes to this - I want Your works. I take this verse as my promise. I want Your works, because I am your workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, and, Lord, I thank You. This day I am available for You to do those things through me that You planned and You will get the glory. Nobody else gets that glory, for You alone deserve it. And I love You, Lord Jesus with all my heart.*

God bless . . .