

Sustaining Revival: A Study on Ephesians
Lesson 6 “You Are God’s Masterpiece”

I. Introduction - We are studying the book of the *Ephesians* focusing on how to sustain revival.

A. The revival in Ephesus was the largest new testament reveal recorded in *Acts*. Over 100,000 people were saved in a city the size of Greensboro within two years. Ephesus became a revival center in the first century. Multiple churches were planted out of this church including all 7 churches in the book of *Revelation*.

B. Paul wrote this letter to the church in Ephesus in A.D. 60 about five years later to establish them in truth after the goosebumps had worn off so they could have a sustained experience with God and continue to increase in person revival.

C. Last week we talked about how we are seated in heavenly places right now and that from that position Jesus shows us the riches of His grace for ages to come. Tonight I want to focus on two things Jesus shows us:

1. How to Receive from God
2. Your Divine Purpose

D. When we put these things together we will see how God makes our life a masterpiece of His grace.

II. You Are God’s Masterpiece

A. **Ephesians 2:8-10**

1. We are saved by grace through faith. Grace is God’s part. Faith is our part. Grace alone doesn’t save. Faith alone doesn’t save. The two are like sodium chloride. If you consume sodium or chloride by themselves they will kill you, but when you put the two together it makes salt and we cannot live without salt.
2. This is how the entire kingdom works. God has given us a kingdom of promises such as salvation, healing, prosperity, peace, joy, etc. This is grace. God provides it by grace. We cannot earn the promises or work for them.
3. Faith is simply our response to the promises of God.
 - a. A person hears a minister teach on salvation. The word they hear imparts the capacity for faith in God’s grace for salvation. All that is required of them is to believe what they heard and they will receive the promise. This works the same way for healing, provision, etc.
4. We are God’s workmanship created in Christ for good works that God has prepared beforehand that we should walk in.

1. workmanship - poiēma a product, i.e. fabric (literally or figuratively):— thing that is made, workmanship. Our lives are God's poetry. They are His poem. They are supposed to be filled with beauty and wonder.

a. Example in the life of the disciples - **Mark 4:35-40. Jesus gave them a grace promise “go to the other side” they had to receive by faith. The promises don't come to pass automatically.**

B. How do I discover what I was created for? **Romans 12:1-8**

1. Be a living sacrifice.
2. Renew or renovate your mind with God's truth.
3. **Romans 12:6-8** describe different motivational giftings (graces) each of us have. They are not an exclusive list but a great place to start if you are trying to discover who God made you to be.
 - a. prophecy - speaking under divine influence, inspiration
 - b. ministry - practical service/helps
 - c. teaching - explaining scriptures - making the complex simple.
 - d. exhorts - encourage, call people into destiny
 - e. gives - giving or impart
 - f. leads - to rule or superintend
 - g. shows mercy - operate in compassion
4. God's will is for you to operate in the grace gift(s) on your life. The gift is there by God's unmerited favor. It doesn't function automatically, however. We have to believe who God says we are and operate in the gifting.
5. We operate in the grace in proportion to our faith. ex: Ashley with singing, me with teaching.

III. Conclusion - Our life becomes a masterpiece (work of art) when we put faith in God's grace in our life.

A. Pray for Online Audience

B. Break into Discussion Groups

IV. Discussion Questions

1. What are your biggest takeaways or aha moments from this teaching?
2. What can you take from this teaching and apply to your everyday life?
3. What are some (grace) promises of God you are believing for right now? What are some practical things you can do to get in faith to receive these grace promises?
4. What gifts (graces) in the list in **Romans 12:6-8** most resonate with you? Are you currently function in that grace? If not, what do you think is your next step toward fulfilling God's plan for your life? Another great list is in **1 Corinthians 12:28-31**.
5. What are some practical things you can do in order to discover the grace giftings (motivations) God has put in your life?
6. Have you ever tried to be something God did not make you to be? How did that make you feel? What were the results?