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GARDEN OF EDEN CHURCH

NOT BM WORKS

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WHAT ~~KIND~~ OF WORKS

While it is Labor Day Weekend, we focus on our achievements at work and our hands.

LABOR ★ DAY ★

LABOR DAY IS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY IN THE UNITED STATES CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF SEPTEMBER TO HONOR THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT AND THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF WORKERS



WHAT IS WORKS IN CHRISTIANITY

WORKING FOR YOUR SALVATION

We're all a work in progress

Ephesians 2:8-9: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is **not from yourselves**, it is the **gift of God**—**not by works, so that no one can boast.**"

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Galatians 2:16: A person is **not justified**
by the works of the law, but by faith in
Jesus Christ



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Romans 3:20: "Therefore **no one** will be declared **righteous in God's sight by the works of the law**; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin."



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2 Timothy 1:9: He has **saved us and called us to a holy life**—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.



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Titus 3:5: "He saved us, **not because of**
righteous things we had done, but
because of his mercy."



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Romans 4:4-5: Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.



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I HAVE A PROBLEM

THE PROBLEM & SOLUTION

2

WHAT DO I DO ABOUT IT



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WHAT VICE DO I LEAN ON?
WHERE DO I TURN?



WORKS BRINGS THE PROBLEM- SOLVING TO MAN

When a problem comes, what do we do with it? Turn to vices to please the flesh? Drinking, partying, sex, drugs and rock & roll? This is where FAITH comes in.



JAMES 2:26: "AS THE BODY WITHOUT THE SPIRIT IS DEAD, SO FAITH WITHOUT DEEDS IS DEAD."

WORKS THAT IS GOOD?



Yes good works is the path that God laid out for you to do. Those are good works. He will lead and guide you through this new path.



EPHESIANS 2:10

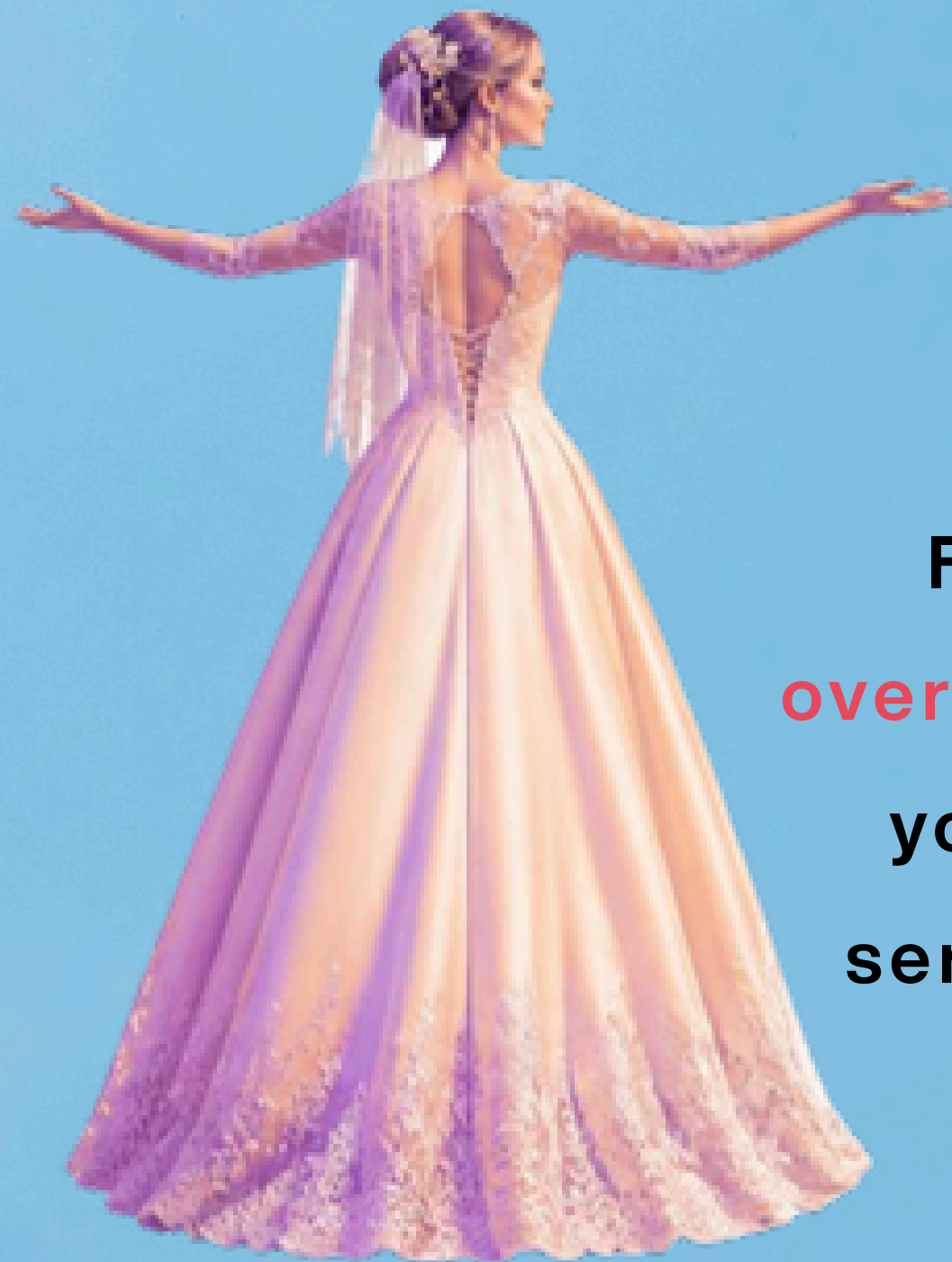
"FOR WE ARE GOD'S HANDIWORK, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD WORKS,
WHICH GOD PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO."

GOD SEES

YOUR WORKS

Hebrews 6:10 ESV

For God is not unjust so as to
overlook your work and the love that
you have shown for his name in
serving the saints, as you still do.





WE ARE CREATED FOR GOOD WORKS!

Ephesians 2:10

For **we are his workmanship**,
created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which **God prepared**
beforehand, that we should walk
in them.



HOW DOES GOOD WORKS AFFECT OTHERS?

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, **let your light shine before others**, so that they may see **your good works** and **give glory to your Father who is in heaven.**



BE ABOUT YOUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

SERVE
OTHERS



James 2:26

For as the **body** apart from the **spirit is dead**, so also **faith** apart from works is dead.



EITHER BY FAITH OR BY FEAR

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.



**YOU ARE
WORKING
EITHER
WAY!**



THE END

LOVE, THE WEHRS

We choose Jesus

