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### What Sort of People Are We? - P3

**“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men” (Colossians 3:23 ESV).**

The Believer has been *“created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them”* (Eph. 2:10). In doing these good works, which benefit others and the world, we are to *“bear fruit for God”* (Romans 7:4b) in ourselves by his Holy Spirit.

Why are we called to do all this? As adopted Children, we are imitating our Heavenly Father Who has ALWAYS only ever done good works *“for the word of the Lord is upright, and **all his work is done in faithfulness**”* (Psalm 33:4). Why does God do His works? *“God my King is from of old, **working salvation in the midst of the earth**”* (Psalm 74:12). All God’s work brings life and salvation to His fallen creation! His works represent His Kingdom and its Salvation: *“All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You! They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power, to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The LORD is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works.]”* (Psalm 145:10-13).

As adopted Children of the Father, we are to imitate His nature on Earth and represent His Kingdom, ruled over by Jesus Christ, His *“only begotten Son”* (John 3:16 NASB). Christ’s Kingdom is the only thing that is going to survive and thrive through all eternity—everything else is going *“to be destroyed”* (2 Peter 3:11 NASB). This is why we are to be focused on the works of God, because these

works are the only things that will last! This is why Jesus was intent on doing only the works of His Father in the Earth: *“Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to accomplish His **work**’”* (John 4:34). Jesus’ daily nourishment, energy, and sole purpose was to accomplish the works His Father had given Him to do according to His will, and He called on His disciples to imitate Him, doing good works inseparable from the Holy Spirit working in them: *“by this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples”* (John 15:8). For, *“the works that I do in My Father’s name bear witness about Me”* (John 10:25b). *“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”* (Matt. 5:16). *“For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so **that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God**”* (John 3:20-21).

We are never alone doing God’s works, for after Jesus ascended, the disciples went out into the world, and *“**the Lord worked with them** and confirmed the message by accompanying signs”* (Mark 16:20). God’s Holy Spirit IS working with us AND bearing fruit in us. If people do good works, but the Spirit is not in them bearing fruit to God, they are like those who say at the Judgment, *“‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and **do many mighty works in Your name?**’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness’”* (Matt. 7:22-23). Therefore, *“whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. **You are serving the Lord Christ**”* (Col. 3:23-24). Even so, Amen.

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