

Revision: Rethinking Church IV

“His workmanship, His masterpiece”

NKJ Ephesians 1:22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to **the church**,²³ **which is His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Consider *Ephesians 2:10*

NLT Ephesians 2:10 For 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.

AMP Ephesians 2:10 For we are **His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art]**, created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].

The “theology of prepositional interruption” is at work in this verse.

I

He is working **in** us.

NLT Philippians 2:13 For **God is working in you**, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Amp Philippians 2:13 For it is [not your strength, but it is] **God who is effectively at work in you**, both to will and to work [that is, **strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose**] for His good pleasure.

He is working some things **out** of us.

He is working some things **into** us.

- God is at work in us from the womb to the tomb.

We see God working in Moses for 120 years. *Deuteronomy 34:7*

- **Deuteronomy 34:7** Moses was 120 years old when he died, yet his eyesight was clear, and he was as strong as ever.

II

He is working on us.

NKJV 1 Peter 4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for **the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you**. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part, He is glorified.

Amp 1 Peter 4:14 If you are insulted and reviled for [bearing] the name of Christ, you are blessed [happy, with life-joy and comfort in God's salvation regardless of your circumstances], because **the Spirit of glory and of God is resting on you [and indwelling you—He whom they curse, you glorify]**.

Pain and pressure moments hit our lives.

The pain moments are real and uncomfortable.

If we go through the pain and endure there is another level of glory that comes up on us.

The Spirit of glory and God will rest on us.

Not just Christ in you, but Christ on you.

- Moses came off the mountain with his face shining. **Exodus 34:29**

Exodus 34:29 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

Number 6:24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

²⁵ **The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:**

²⁶ **The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.**

III

He is working through us.

KJV Philippians 4:13 I can do all things **through** Christ who strengthens me.

Amp Philippians 4:13 I can do all things [**which He has called me to do**] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [**to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything** through Him who infuses me **with inner strength and confident peace.**]

He gives us inner confidence and strength for the divine assignment.

He builds in you from birth the capacity to accomplish His original intent.

There are purposes in the earth to be fulfilled with your name on them.

- Moses was available to let God work through Him 10 plagues against 10 Egyptian Gods

Exodus 8:13 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For ¹⁴ **I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth.**

IV

He is working for us.

KJV Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? **If God be for us, who can be against us?**

Amp Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to all these things? **If God is for us, who can be [successful] against us?**

Mess Romans 8:31 So, what do you think? **With God on our side like this, how can we lose?**

The Lord is with you on every step of the journey.

- The Lord has an intended goal for your life.

He has activity and desire to get you to your prearranged destination.

- God was with Moses: Israel saw His works and Moses knew His ways.

Psalm 103:7 He made known **his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.**

“We are His workmanship! We are His masterpiece!”