



“For we are what God made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” Ephesians 2:10

Can you believe it? WE are made by God and created to do good works in the name of Christ Jesus! It really is unbelievable. I mean, we aren't always the nicest people to be around, but God works through us – despite us! That idea, in itself, helps me to believe in miracles. However, it does make me realize why people get turned away from the church – why they might call those of us who go to church by the name of “hypocrites.” And you know what, they would be correct. Many times, we are hypocrites! We are sinful beings and we fall back to our sinful natures. And still, even when we give up on one another, God does not give up on us or choose to *not* use us to share Christ through our good works and through our words. Just as in the days of Noah, when the flood came to the earth, God did not destroy everything, even though it was deserved. God saved parts of creation. God remembered his people and his creation. God loves us still.

Let us pray. God our creator, thank you for remembering us, loving us, and forgiving us. Help us to do good works in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to forgive one another as we are forgiven so that our hands reach out to our neighbors for Your sake and not our own. In Jesus name we pray. Amen