

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10 KJV



It was there all the time, but only the sculptor knew! All others saw was an ugly lump of clay, but before he even started, the master saw the finished work! Patiently and skillfully removing unnecessary rubble he slowly revealed what he saw there all along; a magnificent work of art! Amid gasps and whispers the clay is admired by the crowd who, not so long ago, passed it by, trampling it underfoot without so much as a glance. In this life we too often ignore or disdain individuals we deem of little or no value. We, ourselves, often feel we are of little worth, but in the Master's eye, we are a magnificent piece of art, and if we but allow Him to mold us into the image of His Son, Jesus, when He is finished removing the rubble, we *"shall come forth as gold."* The only thing clay can do is yield or resist the Potter. God knew all things including every choice of every son of Adam, and God had a plan for every believer whom He *"foreknew"* before time began. *"For whom He did FOREKNOW, He also did predestinate to be conformed (molded) to the image of His Son ...the express image of His person."* Some may take longer than others to mold, due to the amount of rubble which needs removing, but rest assured, God always finishes His work. *"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ, for it is God which worketh in you."* The clay has absolutely nothing of which to boast. *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy..."* Clay must be purified before it can be placed on the potter's wheel. God cleanses impurities that threaten His work and always creates a masterpiece. *"Now YE ARE CLEAN THROUGH THE WORD which I have spoken unto you."* Jesus prayed, *"Sanctify (purify) them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth."* It is the malleable clay that is prized. The hardened clay is tossed away that is, the clay that resists the purification process. *"God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God."* The workable clay will become wonder to the viewer and praise to the Master. It is the skill of the master that gives the finished clay its value; without it, it's just dirt! Jesus said, *"I am...the Truth. Without me, ye can do nothing."* Without God's Word consistently engrained in memory and thought through faith, (believing) prayer, and meditation, you will remain vile and wretched; eternally separated from God in the outer darkness of black fire!

The work of God is always sure,
It will for evermore endure,
Each humble soul that comes for cure,
Will be made perfect, whole, and pure. -CGP

Do you wish your life to be perfect? *"This Book of The Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein DAY AND NIGHT, that thou mayest observe to do according to ALL THAT IS WRITTEN therein: for then thou shalt make thy way PROSPEROUS, and then thou shalt have GOOD SUCCESS."* Yield to the Master's hand through believing obedience to God's Word and you will become a radiant masterpiece! *"And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was VERY GOOD."* The Master loves His work!

"Nay, in all these things we are MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:37-39 KJV