

MOVE

OUTWARD : LOVE THE WORLD

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I. Introduction

II. God's artwork (Ephesians 2:8-10)

- A. God makes art from people!
 - 1. "...saved by grace..."
 - 2. "...created in Christ..."
- B. God's artwork actually is to work!
 - 1. "...for good works...that we should walk in them."
 - 2. Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:11; James 2:14-20
 - Revelation 2:2; 2:19; 3:2; 3:8; 3:15

III. God's artwork has been lost

- A. What if the church, you and me, suddenly vanished?
 - 1. Would anyone notice?
- B. How did the artwork get lost?
 - 1. Grace became the end instead of the beginning.
 - Illustrations from literature
 - Illustration for life

IV. Rediscovering God's lost artwork

- A. Why should we bother?
 - 1. Because God wants to be here now!
 - His presence is in His artwork!
- B. How does His artwork bring His presence?
 - 1. The absence of God: Hell on earth
 - Just keep doing nothing!
 - 2. The presence of God: Heaven on earth
 - Just do something!
 - 3. Good news and good deeds cannot be separated!

V. The artwork works!

- A. Moving outward: Loving the world
- B. Like Jesus, we move outward by...
 - 1. Leaving heaven
 - 2. Living among people
 - 3. Loving them without condition

VI. Application

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