



REFLECTIONS

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Ephesians 2:10

Sitting Here

Now, I find myself sitting here staring at this page while all kinds of thoughts bounce around in my mind. But this one lingers: “[I am God’s] workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that [I] should walk in them.”

I exist. In God’s creation, I exist!

Even back “*In the beginning [when] God created the heavens and the earth...*” God included me in his plan to be sitting here right where I am now — cluttered thoughts and all. What a blessing God has given. But why did he put me here?

God works in mysterious ways. We all know that; but we also know we may never fully understand the plans he has for us. But here’s what we do know:

The Psalmist wrote in 139:14 “... *I am fearfully and wonderfully made...*” So God’s plan may have placed me right where I am for me to listen to him as I once did:

That day, I found myself wonder struck by retracing the path I had traveled through this world. I thought about where I was born, my mom and dad, the family I have, the work I do, my friends, and others who influenced the person I became. I thought about experiences that shaped my life, both the inspiring ones and the disheartening. I thought about the talents God blessed me with and how I use them. And I remembered those times of joy that still warm my heart.

So, I’m sitting here now, staring at this page while all kinds of thoughts bounce around in my mind. Getting older seems to cause time to pass more quickly, but at the same time, aging slows the body and sometimes the mind. A new season emerges, and I wonder if my life’s most lasting legacy resides there. But whatever the newest season proves, I know my Redeemer lives, and because he lives, I will exist with him forever. And not because of anything I did for him, but because of what he did for me.

God gave me life. And Christ gave me life everlasting. So I want to live it to the glory of God, using the giftedness He blessed me with, in the setting He placed me to live, and by staying true to the person He shaped me to be.

And if I give it my best, I believe I will have answered God’s plan for me.

“*You are the light of the world,*”

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