



## **WOW: Word Of the Week**

### **Masterpiece**

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Thank you for the encouraging response to last week's WOW—Value. This week, I share a followup thought, a related word. Our WOW this week is "masterpiece."

The Madonna della Pietá, informally La Pietá, is a sculpture carved by Michelangelo at the very end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The name translates to Our Lady of Piety. The sculpture which is now in Saint Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, is an image of Jesus and Mary at Golgotha. The sculpture is included among the masterpieces of Michelangelo.

We can translate Ephesians 2:10 to say that "we are God's masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, works which God prepared in advance to characterize our way of life." In one sense, we are God's Pietá, masterpiece. The Greek word is poiema, similar to our word poem. We are the result of God's creative work.

Each person is God's creation. Yet, each of us is different. Each of us, with individual uniqueness, is God's magnificent masterpiece. As masterpieces of art are valuable because of who painted them and because of their uniqueness, so also we are valuable because of who made us and for our uniqueness.

Note that Ephesians 2:10 connects our masterpiece status with how we live our lives and what we spend our lives doing. We are God's masterpiece because of what he made possible for us to do. We reflect God's artistic touch in our lives when we fulfill his purpose in our lives. When people struggle with understanding God's eternal purpose in this world, they often fall short in living out God's plan for good works that fulfill his eternal purpose.

You are God's masterpiece. Act like it! How? Doing the good works that God has set before us, glorifying him, fulfilling his eternal purpose in your life and in the world.

This week – remember our WOW. Masterpiece!