

in its own construction. It is simply the workmanship of another. All that it is, and all that it is able to do, is the pure, unaided work and plan of its maker, who, out of cold, dead and powerless iron, made the beautiful machine, and fitted it for the work that was given it to do.

"We are His workmanship." Out of the dead and powerless material—"the children of wrath"—He produced living, spiritual beings, possessed of His own life, which He put into us, and set us in place, "in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," and gave us power to work, and prepared the work for us to do. We shall receive praise for the faithful work done afterwards, but for our salvation and exaltation to the throne of Christ in heavenly places, never shall we be able to point to one thing we ever did. "By grace are ye saved." Grace took us from the place of death in sin, from the grasp of the "prince of the powers of the air," and from exposure to the wrath of God, and first gave us life, and then raised us with Christ, and seated us with Him in heavenly places, and made us the riches of the glory of His inheritance," that through the ages to come, we should be to the praise of His glory, and all that, before He gave us any work to do. Having done this without our aid, but only "through faith," which simply believes, and trusts Him for it, He then introduces us to the work which He also has prepared for us to walk in. Such is the divine method of salvation, as set forth in this section.