



Portion:

SCRIPTURES

- Acts 10-12
- Ephesians 2:10
- Joel 2:28-29

Title:

PREPARED BEFOREHAND

- Orchestrated to Perfection
- Breaking the Religious Spirit
- A New Era of Persecution

Peter is not the only one you know. It's the human dilemma—obstinance, stubbornness, resistance. It's difficult to alter engrained thoughts, persistent tendencies and incessant behaviors. You might think you can just relax. All it takes to change the old man into the new man is to be born again. However, there is ample evidence that is far from real. The truth is that being born again grants you access to all the resources necessary to root out enmeshed beliefs, break old habits, and make better choices. Yes, access granted but transformation denied, unless you are willing to do the work.

That is why we are instructed to take every thought captive, to make them obedient to Christ. That is why we are told to renew our minds—it's where the transformation begins. Actions follow mindsets. And that is why Paul was open about his struggles, and by inference we are cautioned about the challenges we all face. At times, I still do what I shouldn't and I don't do what I should.

No, Peter and Paul are not the only ones, but in Peter we have the perfect example, the quintessential case study. Even as a man who enjoyed walking in the inner circle of Christ, one who witnessed His persecution, torture, and then crucifixion at the hands of the religious elite with all their hypocrisy, and had himself faced persecution as their captive—Peter still had erroneous religious beliefs baked into his psyche. He was sure that he would have nothing to do with Gentiles because Yahweh wanted nothing to do with Gentiles. He definitely did not inherit that mindset from his Jewish Scriptures; they teach quite the opposite. Peter, however, is about to become the pioneer of the proper perspective; you will not avoid the Gentiles, rather you will go to the Gentiles with this message; "Yahweh is not prejudice; Y'shua is for everyone!"

Peter was holding on to his engrained thoughts, persistent religious tendencies and incessant behaviors. And he would have never ministered to the Gentiles if Yahweh did not intervene. God initiated Peter's transformation by first exposing his enmeshed beliefs. That helped him break old habits and make better choices. And God used prophecy to soften his sclerotic mentality... "Old men shall dream dreams; young men shall see visions." Yahweh gave Peter a vision and this was its ultimate fruit. "I'm God's work of art. I've been created by God and empowered in Christ to obey His Word and the specific calling on my life. This calling was prepared for me beforehand with the expressed purpose that I walk in it." And so he did; he went to the gentiles and told them, "Yahweh is not prejudice; Y'shua is for everyone!" God has prepared dreams and visions for you as well—it is time for you to walk in them!

PROPHETIC SEED:

*"And it shall come to pass afterward That **I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh**; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, **Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.**" Joel 2:28 NKJV*

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God **prepared beforehand** that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10 NKJV

PROPHETIC FRUIT:

“Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, **he fell into a trance**” Acts 10:10 NKJV

“Arise therefore, go down and **go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.**” Acts 10:20 NKJV

“And they said, “Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was **divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you.**” Acts 10:22 NKJV

“Then he said to them, “You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. **But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.** Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?” Acts 10:28-29 NKJV

“When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, **“Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.”**” Acts 11:18 NKJV

ORCHESTRATED TO PERFECTION

1. Peter in Joppa (Part II) see [Instant...](#) for Part I

A. Perfectly Coordinated Simultaneous Testimonies

(1) The Lord Instructs Cornelius to Send for Peter (Acts 10:1-8)

(a) Cornelius and the Angel

1. “There was a certain man in **Caesarea** called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, **a devout man** and one who **feared God** with all his household, who **gave alms** generously to the people, and **prayed to God** always. About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in **a vision** an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius!” And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, **“What is it, Lord?”** So he said to him, **“Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.** Now send men to **Joppa**, and send for Simon whose surname is **Peter**. He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. **He will tell you what you must do.**” And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and **a devout soldier** from among those who waited on him continually. So when he had explained all these things to them, he sent them to Joppa.” Acts 10:1-8 NKJV

(2) Peter’s Controversial Vision (Acts 10:9-16)

(a) Peter is about to experience a complete about-face. (like Paul did in Chapter 9)—see [Instant...](#)

1. “The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. Then he **became very hungry and wanted to eat**; but while they made ready, he **fell into a trance** and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. In it were **all kinds** of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. And a voice came to him, **“Rise, Peter; kill and eat.”** But Peter said, **“Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean.”** And a voice spoke to him again the second

time, **“What God has cleansed you must not call common.”** This was done **three times**. And the object was taken up into heaven again.” Acts 10:9-16 NKJV

(3) Time Out: a word about Visions and Dreams...

(a) Peter was well aware that God would be speaking through visions and dreams...

1. “But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, **Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.**” Acts 2:16-17NKJV
2. ““And it shall come to pass afterward That **I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh**; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, **Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.**” Joel 2:28 NKJV
3. “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God **prepared beforehand** that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10 NKJV

(4) Peter is Summoned to Caesarea (**Acts 10:17-23**)

(a) We cannot assume that this vision is God’s way of releasing humanity from His prescribed food laws in the Torah.

1. “Now **while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant**, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon’s house, and stood before the gate. And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there. **While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him**, “Behold, three men are seeking you. Arise therefore, **go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.**” Then Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, “Yes, I am he whom you seek. For **what reason have you come?**” And they said, “Cornelius the centurion, **a just man**, one who **fears God** and has a **good reputation** among all the nation of the Jews, was **divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you** to his house, and to hear words from you.” Then he invited them in and lodged them. On **the next day Peter went away with them**, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him.” Acts 10:17-23 NKJV

(5) Peter Meets with Cornelius (**Acts 10:24-33**)

(a) They arrive in Caesarea the next day and Cornelius gathers his family and close friends to listen to Peter.

1. “And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. As Peter was coming in, **Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him**. But Peter lifted him up, saying, **“Stand up; I myself am also a man.”** And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together. Then he said to them, **“You know how unlawful it is** for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. **But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.** Therefore **I came without objection as soon as I was sent for.** I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?” So Cornelius said, “Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. **When he comes, he will speak to you.**’ So I sent to you immediately, and **you have done**

well to come. Now therefore, **we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God.**” Acts 10:24-33 NKJV

2. “Indeed He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be **My Servant** To raise up **the tribes of Jacob**, And to **restore the preserved ones of Israel**; I will also give You as a **light to the Gentiles**, That You should be **My salvation to the ends of the earth.**’ ” Isaiah 49:6 NKJV
3. “**Arise, shine; For your light has come!** And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. **The Gentiles shall come to your light**, And kings to the brightness of your rising. “Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; **Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.**” Isaiah 60:1-5 NKJV

(6) Peter Preaches to the Household of Cornelius (**Acts 10:34-43**)

(a) Peter explains what he was there to say...

1. “Then Peter opened his mouth and said: **[BEGIN]**“**In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.** But **in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.** The word which God sent to the children of Israel, **preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all—** that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power**, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for **God was with Him.** And **we are witnesses** of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, **whom they killed by hanging on a tree. Him God raised up on the third day**, and **showed Him openly, not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God**, even to us who **ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.** And **He commanded us to preach** to the people, **and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God** to be Judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, **whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins [END].**” Acts 10:34-43 NKJV

(7) The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles (**Acts 10:44-48**)

(a) The Holy Spirit falls on the Gentiles and they start speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

1. “**While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.** And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, **because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.** For **they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.** Then Peter answered, “**Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?**” And **he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then they asked him to stay a few days.” Acts 10:44-48 NKJV

B. God had to help radically change Peter’s mindset!

(1) Current Mindset + Vision + Reconsideration + Revelation + Action + Results = Testimony

(a) Peter has an engrained wrong *Mindset* believing it was against his religion to associate with Gentiles...

1. "Then he said to them, **"You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation."**" Acts 10:28a NKJV
- (b) God gave Peter a *Vision* that would short circuit his current way of thinking...
 1. "Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, **he fell into a trance**" ...And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat [3X]."" Acts 10:10, 13 NKJV
- (c) Peter thankfully did not persist to resist and he was willing to *Reconsider* his stance...
 1. "Now while **Peter wondered** within himself what this vision which he had seen meant..." Acts 10:17a NKJV
- (d) God softened Peter's sclerotic beliefs; this allowed him to receive a fresh *Revelation* on which he took action...
 1. **"But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Therefore I came** without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?" Acts 10:28b-29 NKJV
- (e) Peter responded to the fresh revelation by taking specific *Actions* in obedience to God...
 1. "And **He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify** that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets witness that, **through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.**" Acts 10:42-43 NKJV
- (f) The *Result* of Peter's transformed thinking, and the action he took because of it, changed the course of history...
 1. **"While Peter was still speaking** these words, **the Holy Spirit fell** upon all those who heard the word." Acts 10:44 NKJV
- (g) Peter shares his *Testimony* and it helps change the wrong mindsets of others, and so on, and so on...
 1. "And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, **those of the circumcision contended with him**, saying, **"You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!"**" Acts 11:2-3 NKJV
 2. "If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, **who was I that I could withstand God?**" When they heard these things they became silent; and **they glorified God**, saying, **"Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."** Acts 11:17-18 NKJV
- (2) Taking thoughts captive and renewing the mind! This is what Peter needed in response to his vision.
 - (a) Take every engrained thought captive.
 1. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that **exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish** all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled." II Corinthians 10:4-6 NKJV
 - (b) You are no longer permitted to feed your erroneous religious beliefs!
 1. "And **do not be conformed to this world**, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and **perfect will of God.**" Romans 12:2 NKJV
 - (c) How can you take every thought captive and renew your mind? Pray, Study, Praise!
 1. PRAY! **"Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me."** Psalms 51:10 NKJV
 2. STUDY! **"Teach me Your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you."** Psalms 86:11 NLT

3. PRAISE! **“With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever,”** Psalms 86:12 NLT

C. Revisionist History (Let’s review Peter’s dream!)

- (1) What about Paul? (I Timothy 4:1-4)

(a) Paul’s Admonition:

1. “Now the Spirit expressly says that in **latter times** some will depart from the faith, **giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons**, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and **commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth**. For ***every creature of God is good**, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;” I Timothy 4:1-4 NKJV

- (2) Jesus Clarifies....

(a) It does not matter what a man puts in his mouth as far as food is concerned?

1. “When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear Me, everyone, and understand: **There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man**. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!”” Mark 7:14-16 NKJV

BREAKING THE RELIGIOUS SPIRIT

2. A Change in Direction

A. The Testimony

- (1) Peter defends his actions! (**Acts 11:1-18**)

(a) The religious spirit is not limited to the Jews who don’t believe.

1. “Now the apostles and brethren who were in Judea heard that **the Gentiles had also received the word of God**. And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, **those of the circumcision contended with him, saying, “You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!”** But **Peter explained it to them** in order from the beginning, saying: “I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me. When I observed it intently and considered, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I said, ‘Not so, Lord! For nothing common or unclean has at any time entered my mouth.’ But the voice answered me again from heaven, ‘What God has cleansed you must not call common.’ Now this was done three times, and all were drawn up again into heaven. **At that very moment**, three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent to me from Caesarea. Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these **six brethren accompanied me**, and we entered the man’s house. And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, ‘Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, **who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.**’ And as I began to speak, **the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. Then I remembered the word of the Lord**, how He said, ‘**John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**’ If therefore **God gave them the**

same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, **who was I that I could withstand God?**”
When they heard these things **they became silent; and they glorified God**, saying, “Then **God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.**”” Acts 11:1-18 NKJV

2. My very own interpretation of the visions was specific: “...*God has shown me that I should **not call any man common or unclean.***” Acts 10:28
3. “But **Peter and John** answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. **For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.**”” Acts 4:19-20 NKJV
4. “But **Peter** and the other apostles answered and said: “**We ought to obey God rather than men.**”Acts 5:29 NKJV
5. [Gamaliel speaking] “but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—**lest you even be found to fight against God.**”” Acts 5:39 NKJV

B. Barnabas: the EXCELLENT role model

(1) Barnabas and Saul Unite in Ministry (Acts 11:19-26)

(a) Barnabas takes another chance on Saul

1. “Now **those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled** as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, **preaching the word to no one but the Jews only**. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, **spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus**. And **the hand of the Lord was with them**, and a **great number believed** and turned to the Lord. Then **news of these things came to** the ears of the church in **Jerusalem**, and they sent out **Barnabas** to go as far as **Antioch**. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and **encouraged them all** that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For **he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith**. And a great **many** people were **added** to the Lord. **Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul**. And when he had found him, **he brought him to Antioch**. So it was that for **a whole year they assembled with the church** and taught a great many people. **And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.**” Acts 11:19-26 NKJV
2. “And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and **disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him.**” Acts 9:29 NKJV

(2) Financial Relief Sent to Judea (Acts 11:27-30)

(a) A prophet from Jerusalem came to Antioch and predicted that a famine was coming.

1. “And in these days **prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch**. Then one of them, named **Agabus**, stood up and **showed** by the Spirit that there was going to be a **great famine** throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. **Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea**. This they also did, and **sent it** to the elders **by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.**” Acts 11:27-30 NKJV

A NEW ERA OF PERSECUTION

3. The Persecution is Spreading

A. Rome is Now Harassing the Church

(1) Herod's Violence against the Church (Acts 12:1-4)

(a) Herod (Agrippa I) gets in on the action.

1. "Now about **that time Herod** the king stretched out his hand to **harass some from the church**. Then **he killed James the brother of John with the sword**. And because **he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also**. Now it was during **the Days of Unleavened Bread**. So when he had **arrested him**, he **put him in prison**, and delivered him to **four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.**" Acts 12:1-4 NKJV

(2) Peter Freed from Prison (Acts 12:5-19)

(a) Peter has been incarcerated before, but this is his first time as a prisoner of Rome.

1. "Peter was therefore **kept in prison**, but **constant prayer** was offered to God for him by the church. And **when Herod was about to bring him out**, that night Peter was **sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers**; and **the guards before the door were keeping the prison**. Now behold, **an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison**; and he struck Peter on the side and **raised him up**, saying, "Arise quickly!" And **his chains fell off his hands**. Then the angel said to him, "**Gird yourself and tie on your sandals**"; and so he did. And he said to him, "**Put on your garment and follow me.**" So he went out and followed him, and **did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision**. When they were **past the first and the second guard posts**, they came to the **iron gate** that leads to the city, which **opened to them of its own accord**; and they went out and went down one street, and **immediately the angel departed** from him. And when Peter **had come to himself**, he said, "**Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people.**" So, when he had considered this, **he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John** whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying. And as **Peter knocked** at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate. But they said to her, "**You are beside yourself!**" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "It is his angel." Now Peter continued knocking; and **when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished**. But motioning to them with his hand to keep silent, **he declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison**. And he said, "**Go, tell these things to James and to the brethren.**" And he departed and went to another place. Then, as soon as it was day, **there was no small stir among the soldiers about what had become of Peter**. But when **Herod had searched for him and not found him, he examined the guards and commanded that they should be put to death**. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed there." Acts 12:5-19 NKJV

(3) Herod's Violent Death (Acts 12:20-24)

(a) Herod Agrippa was not happy.

1. "Now **Herod had been very angry with the people** of Tyre and Sidon; but **they came to him with one accord**, and having made Blastus **the king's personal aide their friend**, they asked for peace, because their country was supplied with food by the king's country. **So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel**, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. And the people kept shouting, "**The voice of a god and not of a man!**" Then **immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God**. And **he was eaten by worms and died**. But the word of God grew and multiplied." Acts 12:20-24 NKJV

(4) First Mission Complete (**Acts 12:25**)

(a) Barnabas and Saul are about to become official...

1. "And **Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem** when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also **took with them John whose surname was Mark.**" Acts 12:25 NKJV

B. Prepared Beforehand

(1) For what?

(a) Peter was created for a purpose and he was going to suffer to bring glory to God...

1. "This He spoke, **signifying by what death** he [Peter] would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me." John 21:19 NKJV

(b) Paul was created for a purpose and he was going to suffer to bring glory to God...

1. "For I will show him [Paul] how many things **he must suffer for My name's sake.**" Acts 9:16 NKJV

(c) Yahweh chose to use Peter to first bring the Gospel to the Gentiles...

1. "And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago **God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.**" Acts 15:7 NKJV

(d) Yahweh chose to use Paul to expand the Gospel to the Gentiles...

1. "When he had greeted them, he [Paul] told in detail those things **which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.**" Acts 21:19 NKJV

(e) Sidebar: Yahweh chose a very different fate for Herod...

1. "Then immediately **an angel of the Lord struck him**, because **he did not give glory to God**. And **he was eaten by worms and died.**" Acts 12:23 NKJV

(f) Your turn: Bring Glory to God or Worm Food?

1. "For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God **prepared beforehand** that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10 NKJV