



“UNFINISHED PROJECT”

A Pre-Convention Bible Study

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“Pieces of God’s Quilt” by Cheryl Bratsch)

The Lord can make beautiful quilts from the scraps of our lives.

So God created man in his own image, ...and God blessed them, and God said to them,... “have dominion over... every living thing that moves upon the earth”. Genesis 1:27-28. RSV

God made us and gave us a beautiful world to live in, to enjoy, and to take care of.

God loves us. “I have loved you with an everlasting love.” Jeremiah 31:33 RSV

Yes, we are all very special. Most days we believe that. Life is good. All is right with the world. The sun is shining. We feel great. We feel blessed, special and loved, like a beautiful block of a quilt.

But then there are the “bad hair” days. We feel like a worthless, old scrap. Clouds hover over us with our aches and pains. We’re overwhelmed with responsibilities and indecision, and everything is not right with the world.

God is always with us, even on our worst days. He doesn’t throw us on the scrap pile, but sees us as His children, each a special creation – an Unfinished Project. He knows that we’ll mess up and make scraps of our lives. He still loves us. He proved His love by sending His only Son to ease our burden and erase our sin.

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39 NIV

When we feel like a pile of scraps, just think of what a glorious tapestry can be made by putting all the pieces together. We can change our attitude and look at those scraps with creativity and imagination. God looks at us and sees what He wants us to be. He has a beautiful plan for each of us.

Wouldn’t it be great if we could hear from the burning bush or see the writing on the wall so we could know what God wants us to do? But He does give us the pattern for our lives in His word; praying, sharing our faith and love and sharing His love.

We can choose to follow God’s pattern for our life which glorifies God or continue to be a pile of scraps that may make a crazy quilt of our lives, but will have no substance.

Just as we continue to grow into God’s finished project, He tells us how we can use the special pieces of our lives and put them together with others to become God’s tapestry. We each have a special spot in His plan that no one else can fill. We have all been given special gifts by God. By coming together to do His work, we are not alone. We are “sewn together” through faith in God and His design on our lives. There is strength in numbers. We not only receive God’s love and strength, but we share these in our service to Him and to others.

Please read
1 Corinthians 12.

God Made Us
We Are Special.
We Have Special Gifts.
We Are Loved.
We Are Saved.

Dear Father in Heaven, the Designer of all things.
Thank You that You created me, for taking the scraps of my life for use in Your Master Pattern. Thank You for your lasting and unconditional love. Please be with me as I continue to grow into your finished project. You have given me special gifts to use in serving You. Guide me to recognize these heavenly talents to be part of one body with Christ as the Head. Make me a blessing in Your tapestry in service to others. Wrap me in comfort and warmth as a welcome quilt.
All glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.