

Ephesians 2:10

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

A.R.T. = Authentic Radical Transformation

Works of A.R.T. Truth:

For God to hang out with us, we’ve got to be

Leviticus 16:6-10, 20-22

⁶“Aaron will present his own bull as a sin offering to purify himself and his family, making them right with the LORD. ⁷Then he must take the two male goats and present them to the LORD at the entrance of the Tabernacle. ⁸He is to cast sacred lots to determine which goat will be reserved as an offering to the LORD and which will carry the sins of the people to the wilderness of Azazel. ⁹Aaron will then present as a sin offering the goat chosen by lot for the LORD. ¹⁰The other goat, the scapegoat chosen by lot to be sent away, will be kept alive, standing before the LORD. When it is sent away to Azazel in the wilderness, the people will be purified and made right with the LORD.”

²⁰“When Aaron has finished purifying the Most Holy Place and the Tabernacle and the altar, he must present the live goat. ²¹He will lay both of his hands on the goat’s head and confess over it all the wickedness, rebellion, and sins of the people of Israel. In this way, he will transfer the people’s sins to the head of the goat. Then a man specially chosen for the task will drive the goat into the wilderness.

²²As the goat goes into the wilderness, it will carry all the people’s sins upon itself into a desolate land.”

Works of A.R.T. Truth:

For God to make us Works of ART, we’ve got to be

Isaiah 1:18

“Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.”

John 19:1-6, 13-16

¹“Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip. ²The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him. ³‘Hail! King of the Jews!’ they mocked, as they slapped him across the face. ⁴Pilate went outside again and said to the people, ‘I am going to bring him out to you now, but understand clearly that I find him not guilty.’ ⁵Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said, ‘Look, here is the man!’ ⁶When they saw him, the leading priests and Temple guards began shouting, ‘Crucify him! Crucify him!’

“...Pilate brought Jesus out to them again... ¹⁴And Pilate said to the people, ‘Look, here is your king!’”

¹⁵“‘Away with him,’ they yelled. ‘Away with him! Crucify him!’

¹⁶Then Pilate turned Jesus over to them to be crucified.”

“So they took Jesus away.”

Hebrews 9:11-14

¹¹“So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. ¹²With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. ¹³Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow could cleanse people’s bodies from ceremonial impurity. ¹⁴Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God... Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.”

Hebrews 10:11-14

¹¹“Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. ¹²But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God’s right hand. ¹³There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. ¹⁴For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”