Ephesians 2:10

1. “We are God’s workmanship”
   a. We are a new creation
   b. Just like God did works during the 7 days of creation
   c. “workmanship” – poëma – which means “that which is made”, “work” and it has the connotation of a "work of art" and specifically in the Greek it refers to the creation of “a poem”, including fiction.

2. “created in Christ Jesus”
   a. “created” or “having been created” – ktisthentes (aorist passive of ktizo) which means “to create”. This is pointing back to God’s new creation of us in Christ.
   b. Meaning, “through God’s activity in Christ”
   c. During this current world’s history God did a work in Christ that included Christ’s substitutionary death, God raising him up and God exalting Christ
   d. Through this work in Christ, we were created anew, born again
   e. Of course, according to Ep. 1:9-10 eventually “all things” will be set right because of Christ’s work, but as for now, WE have already been set right (made righteous) and seated in heavenly places with Christ.

3. “for good works”
   a. The Greek word epi indicates purpose, goal or result of our being “created in Christ”
   b. Clearly we are first “created” and then we can fulfill our purpose of doing the “good works”.
      i. No good works can be done until we are created in Christ.
      ii. Being created in Christ cannot depend on having done good works
   c. Good works by believers is the natural result of being created new in Christ Jesus:
      i. Titus 3:8 (see support 3:5)
      ii. 2 Corinthians 9:8

4. “which God prepared beforehand”
   a. These good works existed before hand
   b. God’s strength saved us, but God’s strength also carries us as we do these good works

5. “that we should walk in them”
   a. “peripateo” meaning “walk about in” is in aorist, active, subjunctive
   b. We are saved with a new life. Now this new life should become a new lifestyle
   c. This last verse is the identification of the result of the whole salvation process manifested in time.