

CONCLUSION:

- a) Are we busy with God doing good on and to His creation? Transforming our working area to make it better and more efficient, in whatever it is that He has called us to work

- b) Are we busy with God doing good to men and beasts?

- c) Are we busy with God in Redemption searching for the lost sheep or seeking some to plant or others to water?

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EPHESIANS 2:20

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The Priority of the Glory of God #15 In our Work (1)

Introduction: What do you do for living or what are you supposed to do for living?

Eph 6:5-9 & Col 3:22-25

This morning sermon will be a long introduction with several remarks.

1. Disclaimer: I cannot preach responsibly on this subject, without first trying to bridge some gaps that separate us from these passages.

2. Some undeniable facts about the passages we read:

a) The passages address slaves and their masters. Nothing, absolutely nothing (at least in my understanding) can be drawn from them insinuating rebellion, emancipation or God's condemnation of slavery

Note: that does not mean that the Bible does not have anything to say against slavery. Ex: William Wilberforth and the end of slave trading

b) These texts do not enforce the strict Sabbatarian Puritan work ethics, that transpires in our Confession of Faith.

3. A Word of Empathy:

"Work is such a hateful thing, that they must pay us to do it."

It is our sin that makes us have a negative attitude toward our jobs.

4. Planting the cross in our work: 2 Co 10:5 we must *realize the God-Glorifying purpose of Christ's death in our redemption which is particularly displayed through our work.*

Thesis: Work is not a curse, but a blessing, because it originates in a God who "works" and models "work" for us

1. Our biggest problem with our work - Gn 3:17-19 -

A by-product of God's curse: wrong perspectives about work.

Plato's dualism later embraced by Tomas Aquinas Escolasticism = neo-platonism.

2. A change of thought is required

The Bible teaches that one of the most godly - (godly = God-like) - things a person can do is to work.

a. Work serves "the purposes of God in our generation" Acts 13:36

b. This Godly (God-like) view of work is implied by these NT commandments Eph 5:28 & I Ts 4:11-12

c. Work is a God-like activity because God never ceases to work Psalms 103 & 104. Jn 5:16-18

d. God modeled work in Creation Job 26:10-14

Why did God create the world in 6 days? *He did it to teach us how to work.*

e. God also models work in Providence Psalm 145:9-16

f. God is very busy in Redemption

Work is not a curse but a blessing, which originates in a God who is busy in creation, providence and redemption