

Work & Our Labor in the Lord

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Why study the topic of work?
 - a. God calls us to work
 - b. The bible has a tremendous amount to say about work
 - c. Society has lots its way/understanding regarding work
 - i. 3 worldly views of work
 - ii. Mankind's call under attack from the world
- 3) Where to start?
 - a. Scripture makes this simple
 - i. Genesis 1 – 3
 - ii. The groundwork is laid for the Christians posture towards work
 - b. Genesis 1:1-5
 - i. God is working right from the beginning
 - ii. Creation is God's mighty work on display
 - iii. God's work is good
 - c. Genesis 1:26-27
 - i. God creates man
 - ii. In His image (vs 26, 27)
 - iii. Given dominion over all the earth, man placed over creation
 - iv. Male & Female, a separation of roles
- 4) Genesis 1:28
 - a. Be fruitful & multiply
 - i. The great commission in the OT
 - ii. It is an active call (see verbs: fruitful, multiply, fill, subdue)
 - iii. The first command God gives man
 - iv. This command comes before the fall and continues after
- 5) Genesis 2:1-3
 - a. God rests on the seventh day
 - i. God rests from his work
 - ii. The pattern of sabbath rest
 - iii. The fourth commandment (Ex 20:8-11)
- 6) Genesis 2:15, 21-23, 24-25
 - a. Creation of Woman
 - i. Man is placed in the garden to work and keep it (vs 15)
 - ii. Gen 2:24 highlight
- 7) Genesis 3:16-19
 - a. Fall in to sin
 - i. To the woman
 - ii. To the man
 - iii. God sends them out to work (vs 23)