

Shalom Church Adult's Christian Education Class
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REVIEW

WORK MATTERS

❖ **God Works!**

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (**GENESIS 1:1**).*

*God made the firmament (**verse 7**) . . . God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also (**verse 16**) . . . God created great sea creatures (**verse 21**) . . . God made the beast of the earth according to its kind (**verse 25**) . . . Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness (**verse 26**) . . . God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them (**verse 27**) . . .*

*And on the seventh day God ended His **WORK** which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His **WORK** which He had done (**GENESIS 2:2**)*

❖ **God's Image Works!**

GENESIS 1:26-28

GENESIS 2:8-9 ~ *The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

GENESIS 2:15 ~ *Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.*

Tend:

Keep:

Through his work to *show off* His glory!

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❖ **God's *Defaced* Image Works with groaning!**

GENESIS 3:17-19

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The change is not just *external* but also *internal*:

GENESIS 4:20-22

GENESIS 4:26

GENESIS 11:1-9

➔ Idol of our work [Chapter 1 of *Gospel At Work*, next Lord's Day]

➔ Idle at our work

Most dramatic form

II THESSALONIANS 3:10 ~ *For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.*

More subtle form

COLOSSIANS 3:22-24 ~ *Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.*

What?

How?

Why?

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Some Common Errors We Fall Into



How can I fix *idleness* in my work?

❖ **God's Restored Image Works!**

+ My identity in Christ

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. (COLOSSIANS 3:2-4)

+ My orientation in Christ

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (COLOSSIANS 3:17)

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (I CORINTHIANS 10:31)

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. (II CORINTHIANS 5:14-15)

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+ My following of Christ

EPHESIANS 6:5-8

COLOSSIANS 3:22-25

TITUS 2:9-10

❖ **God's Eternal Home – Work?**

ISAIAH 65:17-25

Cf. REVELATION 21

**** Be a DOER and not just a hearer of the WORD ****

One attitude that must change as a result of today's study:

One action that must change as a result of today's study:

Persons I will engage to hold me accountable, so that I will persevere in making the change: