

Series: Vocation [vo-kay-shuhn]: a calling; a summons; an occupation

Message: Work is Hard: Why?

Scripture: Gen. 3:17b-19

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Introduction (Review) – You and Your Work: They both matter.

Today's Message: If work is so good, why is it so hard?

1. The Effects of the Fall upon work itself.
2. The Effects of the Fall upon other people.
3. The Effects of the Fall upon myself as a worker.
4. The Effects of the Fall upon my satisfaction found in work.

Conclusion – The Redemptive Work of Christ begins to reverse the curse. In Christ our work is redemptive; part of His work in the restoration of all things.

“He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.”

Genesis 3:17b- 19 (NIV)

^{17b} "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

The Creation of a New Message Series

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Part One (message from 8/31/08) – Work is Good: Why? Creation and My Work

Part Two (today's message) – Work is Hard: Why? The Fall and My Work

Part Three (message from 8/16/09) – In Christ My Work is Redemptive: How? The Cross of Christ, the Return of Christ and the Restoration of All Things

