



# God's Glory:

How Work Images God  
in the World

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# Takeaways from Last Week...

- Work originated with (and is possible because of) the Triune God
- God gave work to Man in the created order as a gift
  - For purpose (Gen. 1:27-28)
  - For dignity (Gen. 2:19)
  - For relationship (Gen. 1:28)
  - For worship (Gen. 2:15)
- There is worth and dignity in any rightly-ordered work
  - Because it images God and displays His glory
  - Because it provides an outlet for us to fulfill God's commands

# The Image of God

- What does it mean to “bear the image of God?”
  - *We resemble* Him
  - *We represent* Him
  - We have the ability and the call to work (cf. Gen. 1:26, 28)
- Facets of the “imago Dei”:
  - Substantive – part of our constitution; attributes we possess
  - Functional – part of our agency; things we can do
  - Federal – part of our position; responsibilities we have
- What human traits can you think of that reflect the image of God?

# Man's Greatest Purpose: God's Glory

- It was not necessary for God to create Man
  - God does not need us (cf. Job 22:2; Acts 17:25)
  - God chose to create us (Rev. 4:11)
  - God chose to delegate some of His prerogatives to us (Gen. 1:28)
- Man exists for the glory of God
  - That God may delight in Man (Isa. 62:5; Zeph. 3:17-18)
  - That God may share life with Man (Jn. 10:10)
  - That God may show His character (Isa. 43:7; Rom. 9:25; Rev. 4:11)
  - That Man may delight in God (Ps. 16:11; 27:4; 84:1-2, 10)
  - That Man may fill the earth with worshippers of God (Mal. 2:15)
- Our work, therefore, should always bring glory to God (Mt. 5:16)

# But We Got A Wrench in the Work(s)

- Sin marred God's image in Man (Gen. 4:17-26,11:1-9; Rom. 1:18-32)
  - Work directed toward idols instead of God
  - Work directed toward self instead of others
  - Abuses creation selfishly
- In Christ we see God's true image (Col. 1:15; Heb 1:3)
  - Work perfectly directed toward God
  - Work perfectly directed toward Man
  - Rules over creation wisely
- In Christ, God will put things back how they go (Col. 3:15-20)
  - The image is progressively renewed through sanctification (Rom. 12:1-2)
  - The image will be perfected in glorification (Rom. 8:29; 1 Thess. 5:23)
  - Our work in the world should reflect this truth!

# Today's Activity

- Need 4-5 volunteers
  - If you're working, tell us what you do
  - If you're in school, tell us what you're studying
- As a group, we will encourage one another by identifying 2-3 ways each person's work images God in the world
- One person in the group will pray for each volunteer
  - To glorify God through your work this week
  - To identify ONE person you can serve through your work this week