

**"THE MODERN PHILOSOPHER HAS TOLD ME AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT I WAS IN THE RIGHT PLACE, AND I HAD STILL FELT DEPRESSED. BUT WHEN I HEARD THAT I WAS IN THE WRONG PLACE – THAT SOMETHING IS NOT RIGHT HERE, AND I KNOW IT – MY SOUL SANG FOR JOY LIKE A BIRD IN SPRING, AND I KNEW AT LAST WHY I COULD FEEL HOMESICK AT HOME."
– G.K. CHESTERTON**

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 (ESV)



**Your Labor Is Not In Vain
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"But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come? You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.'" 1 Corinthians 15:35-38 (ESV)

"But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

'Death is swallowed up in victory.' O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:46-57 (ESV)

"IF I FIND IN MYSELF A DESIRE WHICH NO EXPERIENCE IN THIS WORLD CAN SATISFY, THE MOST PROBABLE EXPLANATION IS THAT I WAS MADE FOR ANOTHER WORLD." – C.S. LEWIS

**What is your life's work?
Picture it in your mind right now.**

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the least he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me.” Job 19:25-27 (ESV)

The future hope of the _____ changed everything.

Telos – (noun) the ultimate object or aim.

“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” 1 Timothy 1:5 (ESV)

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

We will _____ with Jesus forever.

_____ was always a part of the plan.

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.” Genesis 2:15 (ESV)

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you. And to Adam he said, ‘Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, You shall not eat of it, cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.’”

Genesis 3:16-19 (ESV)

We are all _____.

Here is what’s wrong:

- We create “_____ work” and “_____ work”.

God wants _____ of it.

Two points of connection:

- 1. There was work before the fall.**
- 2. There will be work after the resurrection.**

“According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw- each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.” 1 Corinthians 3:10-13 (ESV)

It is not a burning that annihilates everything. It is a fire that _____ everything.

“If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.” 1 Corinthians 3:14-15 (ESV)

There is a work that you do that has the potential to survive into the Millenium and into the ultimate resurrection.

Your _____ is ministry.

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for me, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)