



EXALTING JESUS CHRIST

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GRACE

“The Empty Life: Work”

ECCLESIASTES 2:18-23

MAIN POINT: APART FROM CHRIST'S WORK ALL WORK UNDER THE SUN IS MEANINGLESS.

I. The Preacher's Pursuit: Work

See Ecclesiastes 2:18-23

II. The Preacher's Conclusion: Pointless (2:18-23)

- A. Work's rewards _____ (vs. 18)
- B. Work's rewards _____ (vs. 19)
- C. Work's rewards _____ (vs. 20-21)

See Ecclesiastes 1:1-2; 4:4-6

III. The Preacher Prepares us for Christ

See Genesis 2:15, 3:24; John 11:25-26; I Corinthians 15:56-58; Ephesians 4:28; Colossians 3:23-24; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

Application Questions:

- 1) What was the main point in this message? Explain it in your own words.
- 2) Why was the Preacher so intent in exposing the vanity of work under the sun? Why do you believe God is so concerned for our church to be taught on this as well at this time?
- 3) How does the Preacher prepare us to experience Jesus' work for us? How does Jesus' work give meaning to the work God has called us to do?
- 4) In the end, what will keep you from reaching the same conclusion as the Preacher (“Vanities of vanity, all is vanity.”)? What are you working for? How is God calling you to respond to His work?