

God Is Good

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O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. (Psalms 34:8)

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. (Psalms 100:5)

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. (Psalms 86:5)

- I. Our faith must be based upon God himself and not on creeds or religion or any other person, thing, or idea.
 - A. Everything changes but God, and He never changes.
 - B. Any faith that relies on anything that changes will eventually shipwreck.
 - C. Faith must find an anchor, and there is no anchor that will hold but God.
 - D. We must know the truth about God and the only way to find the truth about God is in his Word.
 - E. We must get some basic attributes of God nailed down for certain in our hearts in order to lay the foundation for our faith.
 - F. One of the basic attributes of our unchangeable God is that He is GOOD.

- II. God is always good – all the time.

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. (Psalms 145:9)

- A. God is good in his acts and in his character.

Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes. (Psalms 119:68)

- B. What He does is always good because HE is always good.
- C. In order for us to have true faith in God we must understand and believe that He is always good - even when what He does is not agreeable to us.
- D. God is always good, even when it appears that He is not.
- E. This attribute of God can never be on trial in our hearts.
- F. By knowing that God is always good we can trust Him with everything that comes into our lives.
- G. God is doing a work in our lives and making something out of us and when God is creating He is making something very good.

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (Genesis 1:31)

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

- H. When you know that God is good and all that does is good, then you can be satisfied with what He does in your life.

... and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD. (Jeremiah 31:14)

- I. Our confidence in the goodness of God shapes the way we perceive and deal with the things that happen in our lives and the lives of others.

- III. Since God is good and He wants us to be like Him, then part of the work He is doing in us is to make us good, also.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
(Galatians 5:22)

(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) (Ephesians 5:9)

- A. Goodness is kindness, benevolence, and tenderness.
 - B. But goodness is also that which makes something of value, and it is the measure of perfection.
 - 1. That's a good one, or ...
 - 2. That's NOT a good one because it has a blemish or something wrong with it.
 - C. We all know very well what it takes to be considered a "good" person.
 - D. We do not have a problem at all loving a good person - that is easy.
 - E. The reason so many people have trouble loving and trusting God is that they do not see all that He is doing and they judge him like they do another person.
 - F. Generally, people only consider someone a good person if all they do is pleasing to them.
 - 1. Children have trouble trusting their parents because sometimes what they do is not pleasing to the children, even though it is done in goodness toward them.
 - G. Isn't it amazing how people can so easily trust a doctor with a knife to cut on them and take their life in his hands, but they have trouble trusting God who is ALWAYS good?
 - H. Like most of God's attributes, his goodness is best seen by looking back in time.
- IV. If men will not praise God for his goodness then they will not praise Him for any of his other attributes.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! (Psalms 107:8)

- A. We experience his goodness in our hearts and in our earthly lives.
- B. We see his goodness in the hearts and lives of others.
- C. Those who do not praise God for his goodness simply do not believe that He is good.

Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.
(Psalms 135:3)