

Focal Point

Part 1: Jesus Reigns

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How do we know God is Good?

The Bible proclaims the Goodness of God.

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Psalm 92:15 NIV "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

Psalm 23:6 NIV Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

- ✓ All of humanity has experienced the goodness of God.

Matthew 5:44 NIV He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

When you think about the Goodness of God what comes to mind?

There are often questions about the Goodness of God.

If God is good...WHY?

- Why does He allow pain?
- Why doesn't He stop wickedness?
- Why eternal judgment?

- Why can His people act so badly?
- Why earthquakes, floods, cancer, war?

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Titus 3:4-7 NIV But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Suffering and evil are not creations of God; they are consequences of sin.

Romans 5:12 NIV Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned

2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Goodness of God was eternally settled in the blood of Calvary!

Isaiah 53:4-5 NIV Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Hebrews 12:2 NIV For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame...

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Colossians 2:13b-15 NIV He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

What Satan thought was an execution, God turned into a Coronation!

Philippians 2:9-11 NIV Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus REIGNS!

R – Rose from the dead

E – Exalted to the Highest Place

I – Intercedes for us at the Father's Right Hand

G – Gives us His abundant and eternal life

N – No rival and no equal

S – Soon Returning King

Because Jesus reigns, we can receive God's Goodness.

Psalm 103:5 NIV Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

1. Jesus reigns over sin so we can receive salvation.

Romans 10:9 NIV “That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

2. Jesus reigns over disease so we can receive healing.

3. Jesus reigns over condemnation so we can receive redemption.

4. Jesus reigns over confusion so we can receive identity.
5. Jesus reigns over what we lack so we can receive blessing.