

**The Goodness of God**  
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**I. Introduction**

- a. The goodness of God is a foundational Christian belief - a foundational belief is the foundation in which all other correct beliefs are built on.
- b. The foundation is the most important part of the home- the thing that everything else is built upon.
- c. The love of God is a foundation, everything we do has to come from the love of God:
  - i. We give because we love God,
  - ii. We serve because we love God,
  - iii. We come to church because we love God,
  - iiii. Not because we have to but because we get to.
- d. The love of God and the goodness of God, go hand in hand.

**Mathew 6:33 [NKJV]**

But seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**Psalms 119:68 [NIV]**

You are good, and what you do is good;  
teach me your decrees.

**Psalms 119:68a NKJV**

You *are* good, and do good; ...

**Nahum 1:7 NIV**

The LORD is good,  
a refuge in times of trouble.  
He cares for those who trust in him,

These verses speak to the character and nature of God:

- God loves us to know His character, His attributes.
- God is kind, faithful, grace-filled, merciful, loving,

- forgiving, and good.
- God loves us to know Him for who he really is.

People can mistake our identity:

- When we are a generous person, but people think we are out to get something from them.
- When we are diligent and principle driven, but people think we are being haughty and arrogant.
- When we give out so much to people, but then the same people say, we haven't given them enough.
- When we are always there for people, but then they say, we are not there enough.

Some people mistake God's identity as angry, judgmental, narrow-minded, absent, uncaring and even cruel. Or believe He just wants to punish us, but the truth is that He wants to reward us, bless us and love us.

Here is the key- the devil is a liar, he is fighting for our world view and our perceptions. The devil doesn't show up and say don't believe in God at first. He is tactical. He is a strategist. He builds a case against God by throwing thoughts of unbelief and doubt.

Three things to help believers:

1. We live in a fallen world – nothing is like it should be here.
2. Just because God allows something doesn't mean that He causes it.
3. Some things we just won't understand until we get to heaven- that's part of trust. He knows better than we know. He is higher than we are and we need to trust Him. We don't have to know everything to believe in Him.

### **Psalms 107:1 [NIV]**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

## **II. The Lord Does Good**

- a. God is good and He wants us to experience his goodness.

- b. He wants to prosper us, protect us and promote us.

**Romans 2:4 [NKJV]**

Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

**Mathew 7:11 [NIV]**

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

**Psalms 27:13 [NIV]**

I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

**Romans 8:28 NIV**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.