"There Is None Good But One"

Mark 10:17,18 Chair Bible Page 1165

What Is Post - Modernism?

- To know what post-modernism is, we must first define modernism.
- Modernism is the belief that empirical evidence, rational study and reason are the basis for all knowledge and all absolutes.
- Science cannot prove God, and therefore, the existence of God is not absolute.
- Post-modernism does not teach that empirical evidence and reason are absolute, but instead of turning to God as the absolute, post-modernism simply says there are no absolutes.

What Is Good?

- Man's definition of good is anything that brings him joy, pleasure or happiness.
- With this definition, good is not an absolute, but each individual becomes his own standard.
- According to Scripture, God is the absolute standard of good (Psalm 34: 8; 86: 5 100: 5; 107: 1).
- In Mark 10: 17, 18, Christ makes it clear that God is the only good and Romans 3: 12 makes it clear that man is not good.
- Man calls evil, good, and good, evil (Isaiah 5: 20).

What Is The Practical Application?

According to Romans 8: 28, 29, anything that God uses to conform me to the image of Christ is good.

This clashes with man's definition, because not everything that God uses to conform me to the image of Christ brings me joy, happiness or pleasure.

David called his affliction good, because it was used to teach him (Psalm 119: 71).

What Is The Practical Application?

- In Philippians 1: 6, Paul was convinced and committed to the truth that the good work which God has begun in us, He would finish.
- The work God started is good (justification) the process is good (sanctification) and the finished product is good (glorification).
- The immutable God always gives good gifts and He is not going to change regardless of what your circumstances may look like {James 1:17).

Whose definition of good, will you use in your life, man's or God's? Are you convinced that everything God does in the process of conforming you to the image of Christ is good, regardless of your circumstances?