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*We want to know **WHO** God is, & what God is like!*

Genesis 15:6 NKJV And he believed in the Lord, & He accounted it to him for righteousness.

*It's not **what** Abraham believed, it was **who** he believed.
Abraham truly believed God, & his faith rested on the character of God.*

Philippians 3:10a I want to know Christ & experience the mighty power that raised Him from the dead...

Hebrews 1:3 The Son radiates God's own glory & expresses the very character of God, & He sustains everything by the mighty power of His command...

God is infinitely perfect in all that He is & in all His ways.

No bounds, no limits, no point that He can't go beyond.

Jesus is the almighty, boundless perfect, all-knowing, all-wise, all-loving, all joy, all grace, all peace, all good God!

Psalms 145:3 Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure His greatness. ⁴ Let each generation tell its children of Your mighty acts; let them proclaim Your power. ⁵ I will meditate on Your majestic, glorious splendor & Your wonderful miracles. ⁶ Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim Your greatness.

*God is above all things, beneath all things,
outside all things, & inside all things!*

*There's nothing outside of God requiring Him to do something.
He does what He does out of the attributes of His own heart.*

*A major problem w/ the Church today is
our unworthy conception of who God is & what He is like.*

*Our Christianity is **little** because our god is **little**.*

*Our Christianity is **weak** because our god is **weak**.*

*Our Christianity is **insignificant** because our god is **insignificant**.*

Most Christians, certainly the world, does not see God as He is.

Our walk w/ Jesus will only be as successful as how we think about God.

Kings Circle will only be as great as our conception of God.

*We must know about **God's goodness** & what kind of God He is. The Bible repeatedly presents **goodness** as a core quality of our Lord. Let's talk about the **goodness** of our God & what it means for our lives.*

Psalm 119:68a You are **good** & do only **good**...

*From the beginning, God's always been **good**. In **Genesis 1** God created the heavens, the earth, & said, "It was **good**." He saw light & it was **good**. Land & seas = **good**. Vegetation = **good**. The sun, the moon, the stars-it was **good**. He created fish & birds- it was **good**. Wild animals & livestock- it was **good**. He made man & woman & it was **all very good**.*

Deuteronomy 30:9 The Lord your God will then make you successful in everything you do. He'll give you many children & numerous livestock, & He'll cause your fields to produce abundant harvests, for the Lord will again **delight** in being **good** to you as He was to your ancestors.

God is kindhearted, good-natured, & benevolent in His heart. God is gracious & kind. He never thinks any bad thoughts about anybody. God is perfectly good; infinitely good, completely good all the time. God has a loving, boundless heart, & His goodness cannot be measured.

Remember that Jesus is God. Jesus was the kindest man to ever walk on earth. i.e., the story of the Prodigal Son, who could think up such a story? Only a good God. Jesus.

Psalm 34:8 Taste & see that the Lord is **good**. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him!

The goodness of God means He cannot feel indifferent about anything. His goodness is boundless, w/ an unrelenting energy. (i.e., all creation)

Isaiah 63:7 I will tell of the Lord's unfailing love. I will praise the Lord for all He has done. I will rejoice in His **great goodness** to Israel, which He has granted according to His mercy & love.

Why would a God who is holy tolerate our sin? He is good. Why would an eternal God bleed for us? His goodness.

*Why would a righteous God forgive us for our sin? His loving heart.
 Why does He answer prayer? It's because He is good.
 He is full of loving-kindness. He's good-natured & benevolent.
 God does it all because He's good. He is the source of everything good.*

Psalm 31:19 How great is the goodness You have stored up for those who fear You. You lavish it on those who come to You for protection, blessing them before the watching world. 20 You hide them in the shelter of Your presence, safe from those who conspire against them. You shelter them in Your presence, far from accusing tongues.

God's goodness conveys His generosity & it means far more than just His favor. By nature, He desires to bring joy & blessing to all His people.

Matthew 7:11 *If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him.*

Because of God's goodness & mercy, His lovingkindness, His graciousness, & approachability He kindly & willingly saved all people.

James 1:16 Don't be misled, my dear brothers & sisters. 17 Whatever is good & perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. 18 He chose to give birth to us by giving us His true word. And we, out of all creation, became His prized possession.

*Out of His lovingkindness He forgives all people.
 Everyone has been saved by grace out of the goodness of God.*

*He's pleased when we're pleased. So, He pleases us.
 When we're pleased w/ Him, He's pleased also!*

Nahum 1:7 AMP The Lord is good. A strength & stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows; He recognizes, cares for, & understands fully those who take refuge & trust in Him.

Out of His goodness, He sees us perfect, even though we're not. He doesn't reject us in our sin. He takes no pleasure in our pain. He came to earth so that we might experience His healing power that saves us.

Psalm 145:7 Everyone will share the story of Your wonderful **goodness**. They will sing w/ joy about Your righteousness. 8 The Lord is merciful & compassionate, slow to get angry & filled w/ unfailing love. 9 The Lord is **good** to everyone. He showers compassion on all His creation.

*God is **good** toward all who will accept His **goodness**.
For those who reject His goodness, God's "hands are tied" so to speak, because in His sovereignty & wisdom, He has given us free will.*

Psalm 100:5 For the Lord is **good**. His unfailing love continues forever, & His faithfulness continues to each generation.

*He takes pleasure in us & He wants **us** to take pleasure in Him. Let's cast away doubts & fears and choose to trust in the **goodness** of Jesus.*

*He's not honored by our misery. God wants to bless us.
He's pleased when you're His child, when you're His disciple, when His will is your will. He wants you. Period.*

*He wants to bless the people He loves, & the people who love Him.
When we're surrendered & obedient to God, His **goodness** flows through Jesus & we receive divine favor!*

*He wants to answer our prayers. He wants to bless us.
Let's put away our doubts, and trust in His **goodness**.*

Did you ever think that God is going to be pleased to be w/ you in heaven? I know we're going to be pleased to be there, but He's going to be thrilled to be w/ us too!

***The goodness & loving kindness of Jesus – He's so wonderful!
Let's praise the loving kindness of Jesus forever!
For of His **goodness**, there is no end!!***