



IN HIS IMAGE

CALLED TO GOODNESS

THE IMAGE OF GOD: THEN AND NOW

- AT CREATION: GOOD BUT INCOMPLETE
- POST FALL: MARRED AND BLURRY
- AFTER RETURN OF CHRIST: COMPLETE AND PERFECT

WORK OF THE SPIRIT

- ^{NAS} **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.
- ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 5:22** BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS ...



THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS GOODNESS

GOODNESS IS ...

1. THE STATE OR QUALITY OF BEING GOOD.
- 2. MORAL EXCELLENCE; VIRTUE.**
3. KINDLY FEELING; KINDNESS; GENEROSITY.
6. A EUPHEMISM FOR GOD:



DEFINING GOD'S GOODNESS

- ^{NAS} **DEUTERONOMY 32:3** "FOR I PROCLAIM THE NAME OF THE LORD; ASCRIBE GREATNESS TO OUR GOD! ⁴ "THE ROCK! HIS WORK IS PERFECT, FOR ALL HIS WAYS ARE JUST; A GOD OF FAITHFULNESS AND WITHOUT INJUSTICE, RIGHTEOUS AND UPRIGHT IS HE.

BOASTING IN GOD'S GOODNESS

- ^{NAS} **JEREMIAH 9:24** BUT LET HIM WHO BOASTS BOAST OF THIS, THAT HE UNDERSTANDS AND KNOWS ME, THAT I AM THE LORD WHO EXERCISES LOVINGKINDNESS, JUSTICE, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS ON EARTH; FOR I DELIGHT IN THESE THINGS," DECLARES THE LORD.

WORSHIPPING FOR GOD'S GOODNESS

- ^{ESV} **REVELATION 15:3** AND THEY SING THE SONG OF MOSES, THE SERVANT OF GOD, AND THE SONG OF THE LAMB, SAYING, "GREAT AND AMAZING ARE YOUR DEEDS, O LORD GOD THE ALMIGHTY! JUST AND TRUE ARE YOUR WAYS, O KING OF THE NATIONS! ⁴ WHO WILL NOT FEAR, O LORD, AND GLORIFY YOUR NAME? FOR YOU ALONE ARE HOLY. ALL NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED."

GOD ALONE IS TRULY GOOD

- ^{NIV} **LUKE 18:18** A CERTAIN RULER ASKED HIM, "GOOD TEACHER, WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?" ¹⁹ "WHY DO YOU CALL ME GOOD?" JESUS ANSWERED. "NO ONE IS GOOD-- EXCEPT GOD ALONE." ²⁰ YOU KNOW THE COMMANDMENTS...²¹ "ALL THESE I HAVE KEPT SINCE I WAS A BOY," HE SAID. ²² WHEN JESUS HEARD THIS, HE SAID TO HIM, "YOU STILL LACK ONE THING ..."



THE GOOD NEWS

- ^{NIV} **LUKE 18:19** ... JESUS ANSWERED. "NO ONE IS GOOD-- EXCEPT GOD ALONE....²² ... JESUS ... SAID TO HIM, "YOU STILL LACK ONE THING... JESUS REPLIED, "WHAT IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH MEN IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD."
- ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 5:22** BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS ... GOODNESS ...

GROWING IN GOODNESS

- ^{NAS} **2 THESSALONIANS 1:3** WE OUGHT ALWAYS TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR YOU, BRETHREN, AS IS *ONLY* FITTING, BECAUSE YOUR FAITH IS GREATLY ENLARGED, AND THE LOVE OF EACH ONE OF YOU TOWARD ONE ANOTHER GROWS *EVER* GREATER; ... ¹¹ TO THIS END ALSO WE PRAY FOR YOU ALWAYS THAT OUR GOD MAY COUNT YOU WORTHY OF YOUR CALLING, AND FULFILL EVERY DESIRE FOR GOODNESS AND THE WORK OF FAITH WITH POWER;

GOD'S PURPOSE FULFILLED IN US

- **2 THESSALONIANS 1:10** WHEN HE COMES TO BE GLORIFIED IN HIS SAINTS ON THAT DAY, AND TO BE MARVELED AT AMONG ALL WHO HAVE BELIEVED ...¹¹ FOR THIS PURPOSE WE PRAY ALWAYS CONCERNING YOU, **IN ORDER THAT** OUR GOD MIGHT CONSIDER YOU WORTHY OF THE DIVINE CALL, NAMELY HE MIGHT MAKE FULL EVERY GOOD PLEASURE OF **GOODNESS** AND WORK OF FAITH IN POWER; ¹² **IN ORDER THAT** THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS MAY BE GLORIFIED IN YOU, AND YOU IN HIM, ACCORDING TO THE GRACE OF OUR GOD AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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CONCLUSIONS

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

- ^{NAS} **PHILIPPIANS 2:12** SO THEN, MY BELOVED, JUST AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED, NOT AS IN MY PRESENCE ONLY, BUT NOW MUCH MORE IN MY ABSENCE, WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING; ¹³ FOR IT IS GOD WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU, BOTH TO WILL AND TO WORK FOR *HIS* GOOD PLEASURE.
 - **2 THESSALONIANS 1:11** ... OUR GOD ...MIGHT MAKE FULL EVERY GOOD PLEASURE OF GOODNESS AND WORK OF FAITH IN POWER;
- ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 5:25** IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO WALK BY THE SPIRIT.

HOW DO WE HELP BEAR THE FRUIT OF GOODNESS?

- ^{NAS} **ROMANS 8:5** FOR THOSE WHO ARE ACCORDING TO THE FLESH SET THEIR MINDS ON THE THINGS OF THE FLESH, BUT THOSE WHO ARE ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT, THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT. ⁶ FOR THE MIND SET ON THE FLESH IS DEATH, BUT THE MIND SET ON THE SPIRIT IS LIFE AND PEACE,
- ^{NIV} **ROMANS 12:2** DO NOT CONFORM ANY LONGER TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD'S WILL IS-- HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL.

- ^{ESV} **EPHESIANS 5:3** BUT SEXUAL IMMORALITY AND ALL IMPURITY OR COVETOUSNESS MUST NOT EVEN BE NAMED AMONG YOU, AS IS PROPER AMONG SAINTS. ⁴ LET THERE BE NO FILTHINESS NOR FOOLISH TALK NOR CRUDE JOKING, WHICH ARE OUT OF PLACE, BUT INSTEAD LET THERE BE THANKSGIVING.
- ^{NAS} **PHILIPPIANS 4:8** FINALLY, BRETHREN, WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS HONORABLE, WHATEVER IS RIGHT, WHATEVER IS PURE, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS OF GOOD REPUTE, IF THERE IS ANY EXCELLENCE AND IF ANYTHING WORTHY OF PRAISE, LET YOUR MIND DWELL ON THESE THINGS.

- ^{NAS} **COLOSSIANS 3:1** IF THEN YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED UP WITH CHRIST, KEEP SEEKING THE THINGS ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS, SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. ² SET YOUR MIND ON THE THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON THE THINGS THAT ARE ON EARTH. ³ FOR YOU HAVE DIED AND YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD.
- ^{NIV} **LUKE 18:27** JESUS REPLIED, "WHAT IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH MEN IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD."