

# Goodness of God

## What is God like?

We've discussed 8 Attributes of God. **Can you remember** which ones we've covered so far?

- Creator
- Truth
- Eternal
- Self-existent
- Gracious

He is the **Great I AM**

- Wise
- Righteous
- Sovereign
- Holy

Today, we add a new one: **Good**

God is good!

## Psalm 34:8

Taste and see that the lord is good.

You ever have someone say: "Try it. You'll like it!"

Once you get a taste of God, **YOU WILL SEE** that he is so so good.

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As Christians, it's our job to tell people how good God is. To tell them... **Taste and see!**

## What does good mean?

It's the opposite of bad or evil.

We think of good in 2 ways:

1. **Righteous**: One who does what is right
2. **Kind**: One who is good to others

God is good in both of these ways.

- Righteous: He always does what is right, and good and true. He never lies. He **NEVER** cheats or steals.
- AND... He is good to others. Our God is good to everyone.

**Matthew 5** – Jesus says...

<sup>44</sup> Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

**Love your enemies.** Why? Because God shows love to His enemies. He is good even to the people who hate Him.

And, Jesus gives us **PROOF**. God gives sunshine and rain to unjust people. There are many evil people who do not love God. And God still let's them enjoy his sunshine. He still gives them water to drink and rain for their crops so they can grow food to eat.

God is so good that He even shows love to His enemies. He gives them life, air to breathe, a beautiful world to live in, and delicious food to eat.

**God is so good!**

And God because God is good, he makes good things.

Do you remember Sid in Toy Story?

Was he good or bad? --- **Bad!**

**How do we know** he was bad?

- He did what was wrong
- Unkind to his sister and to the toys: He would take her toys.
- He made bad things: He pulled the toys apart and made grotesque, hideous, scary looking toys.

**But God is good!** He is the opposite of Sid.

- He is kind
- He does what is right
- And, he makes good things

When God created the world in Genesis chapter 1, it says 7X: "And God saw that it was good."

After he's made everything, it says in

**Genesis 1:31**

God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

God is very good. So it *makes sense* that the world he created would be very good.

- Beautiful
- Nice weather
- Delicious food
- Good things to see, and taste, and touch
- And, there was no sin the world

It was **very good!**

But after creation, God found **1 thing that he didn't like**. Adam was alone. He said, "It is not good".

**So what did God do?** What does God **ALWAYS DO** when he sees something that is NOT good.

God determined to **FIX THE PROBLEM**...to take that which is not good and make it good.

So **God created Eve** as a companion and helper for Adam.

**GIRLS**, did you know that God created you **EXTRA SPECIAL**. The boys in the world would be very lonely if it wasn't for you. --- The world would NOT be good without girls. And, Adam couldn't have any children without a wife.

So God created Eve. And, Eve would be the mother of all the future children of the world.

So God created a perfectly good world. **How did things get so bad?**

- Adam sinned and all kinds of terrible things came into the world... death, disease, and discord
- **SIN! EVIL!**
- Non-goodness spread across the world **LIKE** a dark storm

**GOOD GOD WATCHED** as his world turned bad right in front of his eyes.

And **what does God do** when something is not good?

- He fixes it.
- That's why he **sent Jesus**.
- He sent Jesus to die on the cross.
- Jesus shed his blood so we could be forgiven
- So we could be cleansed of our evil
- So we could be made good like God

**God is good.**

But we are **NOT**.

That's a big problem.

**RAY COMFORT** tells a story about a **man in court**. The judge pounds the gavel and says "**Guilty as charged.**"

The **CONVICTED MAN** goes up to the judge and he says, "**Mr. Judge, you're right. I did all those terrible things. But I know that you're a good judge, so you're going to let me off.**"

And, the **JUDGE** says, "**You're right about one thing. I am a good judge.** And, because I'm a good judge, I must punish criminals like you."

**BECAUSE GOD IS GOOD**, he must punish bad people like us. People who have disobeyed his rules. Who have broken his laws.

And, that's us! We are all sinners who deserve to be punished by God.

Our only hope is that someone else would take our punishment for us. **That's what Jesus did!**

If you believe in Jesus, then his death on the cross will count as your punishment. You will be forgiven of all of your sins.

And, you will be made good like God.

**God is good!** ----- Let's stand and sing together: **God is so good!**