

Walking In His Goodness

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God's goodness is displayed throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Oral Roberts said, "The greatest revelation that I ever received was that God is a *good* God." We see God's goodness revealed in creation and in redemption. Jesus is even called the *good* Shepherd. The Bible presents a clear picture that God is good. The devil, however, is evil and is identified as a thief, a liar, and a murderer. There is *no goodness* in the devil because he is totally bad. But there is no *badness* in God because He is *totally good*.

The Book of James says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." The Message Bible says, "So, my very dear friends, don't get thrown off course. Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of heaven."

In Jesus' first message, He said in Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel." The Weymouth Translation says, "to proclaim good news." The Gospel is good news because it reveals God's goodness to us. Many people in the Body of Christ are only looking forward to Heaven not realizing that the goodness of God can be experienced before we get there. The Apostle Paul declared in Romans 16:25 that we are to be established in the gospel. We are to be established in the good news that the devil has been defeated, redemption has been provided, and we have become a brand new person in Christ.

Knowing that God is a good God changes everything.

- 1) It changes the way we see God.
- 2) It changes our prayer life.
- 3) It changes the way we see the devil and his works.
- 4) It changes the way we live our lives

The reality of God's goodness will truly transform our lives.