

the goodness of God

"then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you." exo 33:19

the Lord has really been dealing with me lately about the goodness of God. i believe He prizes it even above His glory. moses pleaded to see His glory and it was His goodness He revealed, shadowed by His protective hand. God always gives more than we ask for and all of His goodness would have extinguished one's sinful flesh. if you have opportunity to listen to the song "the goodness of God," please do so. you will be blessed. the words are partially listed below but the melody only anoints them further.

i love You, Lord  
oh Your mercy never fails me  
all my days, i've been held in Your hands  
from the moment that I wake up  
until i lay my head  
oh, i will sing of the goodness of God

cause all my life You have been faithful  
and all my life You have been so, so good  
with every breath that i am able  
oh, i will sing of the goodness of God

i love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
and in darkest night You are close like no other  
i've known You as a Father  
i've known You as a Friend

and i have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

and all my life You have been faithful, ohh  
and all my life You have been so, so good  
with every breath that I am able  
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God, yeah

'cause Your goodness is running after, it's running  
after me  
your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
with my life laid down, i'm surrendered now  
i give You everything

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goodness comes from God. we would not know goodness  
and there would be no goodness without the Lord. the  
Lord is the standard of all that is good. do you see  
the goodness of the Lord in the “good news”?

God came down in the form of man to live the perfect  
life that we could not. Jesus, who is God in flesh,  
walked in complete obedience to the Father. in love,  
He took our place on the cross. He thought of you  
while being bruised and battered. He thought of you as  
He hung bloody on a cross. Jesus died, was buried, and  
was resurrected for our sins. He defeated sin and  
death and is the bridge between us and the Father. we  
can now know and enjoy the Lord. there is now nothing  
impeding us from experiencing the Lord.

the christian through faith in the good and perfect  
work of Christ alone, is forgiven and justified before  
God. Christ redeemed us from the punishment of sin,

and He has made us a new creature with new desires and affections for Him. our response to the gospel of redeeming grace should be thankfulness. christians want to praise the Lord and live a lifestyle pleasing to the Lord. the good that we do is from the Holy Spirit residing in us. God's goodness changes everything about us. have you experienced the goodness of God found in the gospel?

“there is but one good; that is God. everything else is good when it looks to Him and bad when it turns from Him.” c.s. lewis

“what is 'good?' 'good' is what God approves. we may ask then, why is what God approves good? we must answer, 'because He approves it.' that is to say, there is no higher standard of goodness than God's own character and His approval of whatever is consistent with that character.” wayne grudem

remember that goodness exists in God's character.

“the christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us.” - c.s. lewis

i have tasted life and i have tasted just slightly of the heavenly realm; Your realm. there remains no doubt in heart or mind of what is good. it is You, my Lord; only You! Jesus, i give you everything; freely, willingly, completely!!! make me completely Your own.