

The GOODNESS of GOD

"By the GOODNESS of God we mean the 'Grace' of God manifested toward the ill-deserving. By the GOODNESS of God we mean His 'Mercy' manifested toward those who are in misery or distress. Mercy is an essential part of His GOODNESS. 'Compassion', 'pity', and 'loving kindness' are other terms in the Scripture that denote practically the same thing."

"Oh how great is thy GOODNESS, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!" (Psalm 31:19)

God's GOODNESS as displayed in Exodus (Exodus 33:18,19; 34:6) is ... 'necessary', 'voluntary', and 'communicative'. God cannot be otherwise: he must be good in actions, intentions, and thoughts. His very nature is good all the time.

"God's GOODNESS is the opposite of harshness and cruelty. To experience divine GOODNESS is to enjoy the sweetness, friendliness, benevolence, and generosity of God

"God's GOODNESS is the root of all other goodness, and our goodness, if we have any, springs out of His Goodness."

Foolish Questions

"A 'foolish question' is a question that is asked insincerely by a heretic with the goal of confusing people and leading them astray from sound doctrine. This is the ... context of Titus 3:9-10. A 'heretic' is someone who is self-willed and has rejected sound doctrine in favor of his own opinions and perversions of the truth. The terms 'heretic' and 'heresy' refer to the willful choice of false doctrine, a willful alignment with error. The heretic is not content with the plain teaching of Scripture but pursues his own agenda."

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Authority & Submission

"The wife is to submit to the husband *"as it is fit in the Lord"* (Colossians 3:18). If the husband demands that the wife disobey God's Word, that certainly would be *not* fit in the Lord. **He is her head, but he is not her God.**

The same is true for parents. They do *not* have the authority to demand that their children disobey God." Pastors have real authority but it is *not* a lordly authority after a worldly sense; it is a shepherd's authority.

"Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:3).

We see this in Hebrews 13:17, where the ruler's role is described in terms of watching for souls."

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"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." — A.W. Tozer

"There is no such thing as a wrong wrong, only something right that has gone wrong. Every error had its start in a truth." — copied



'Not called' did you say?

'Not heard the call,' I think you should say. Put your ear down to the Bible, and hear him bid you go and pull sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened, agonized heart of humanity, and listen to its pitiful wail for help. Go stand by the gates of hell, and hear the cursed entreat you to go to their father's house and bid their brothers and sisters and servants and masters not to come there. Then look Christ in the face—whose mercy you have professed to obey—and tell Him whether you will join heart and soul and body and circumstances in the march to publish His mercy to the world."

— William Booth, 'Salvation Army'

Repentance is not Reformation

"Men have the ability to reform their own lives in some sense. It is *not* uncommon for men who have gotten into trouble to come to their senses and to change their ways.

Drunkards have stopped drinking; wife beaters have ceased from their violence; thieves have become honest citizens; harlots have turned from a life of infamy. This, in itself, is *not* biblical repentance.

Reformation is man-centered and *this-world* centered; whereas repentance is God-centered and *eternity* centered. The man who merely reforms has his eyes on the people he has offended and the consequences of his actions in his present life. The gospel, on the other hand, calls for 'repentance toward God...' (Acts 20:21).

The Prodigal Son's repentance was demonstrated by his change of attitude toward God as well as toward his father.

"I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father,

I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants."

(Luke 15:18,19)." — copied

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Quotes



"The greatest threat to free speech is government acting as a censor."

"To light a candle is to cast a shadow."

"Some problems can be solved with the proper application of high explosives." (:

"It is up to preachers to let people know ... the difference between the things of God and the counterfeits of Satan."

"There's a time when it becomes wrong to help some people." (see II Thessalonians 3:10)

"The 'right' to be heard does not automatically include the 'right' to be taken seriously."

"Look well to the fire in your 'souls', for the tendency of fire is to go out."

"It is against stupidity in every shape and form that we have to wage our eternal battle."

"Being NEUTRAL helps the oppressor, never the victim."

"Atheism denies God's existence—unbelief denies his goodness,"

"Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men !"

— Psalm 107:15

SUPREME COURT ISSUES VERDICT SUPPORTING POSTAL WORKER'S RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

"The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday delivered a major win to a former USPS postal carrier who says he was forced out of his job because his religious request to not participate in Sunday deliveries was denied. The justices, in a 9-0 decision, vacated a lower court ruling against the worker and clarified what is allowed under the Constitution in the often-contentious area of religious requests and employer-employee relations ... First Liberty said, 'The Court held that federal law requires workplaces to accommodate their religious employees unless doing so would cause significant difficulty or expense on the business. Previously, employers could avoid granting religious accommodations to employees of faith simply by pointing to trifling, minimal, or *de minimis* effects. This decision means that more employers will be legally required to respect their religious employees by granting them accommodations. Employees of faith often seek religious accommodations to honor their holy days, to take prayer breaks during the day, to dress according to their religious beliefs, or to otherwise not be forced to violate their religious beliefs on the job.'" - "Landmark win," *Christian Headlines*, June 29, 2023:

TUCKER CARLSON READING THE BIBLE

Tucker Carlson, former *Fox News* commentator, told the 2023 Family Leadership Summit, that he has been reading the Bible since February, and it has been "like the most interesting thing I think I've ever done." He described himself as a "not particularly faithful" Episcopalian. He has read through the New Testament and is now in Deuteronomy. He said that one thing that stuck out to him is **God's sovereignty over human history**. "While they [people] have free will, of course, they can make decisions, and they live with the consequences of those decisions--they're not really in charge of the arc of history at all. They are being acted upon a lot. And I never really appreciated that because I'm American. And so I grew up with this feeling that we're the sum total of our choices. Well, that's not what I'm reading at all. Yes, people's choices matter. You need to do certain things and not do other things. But on the other hand, you're not in charge. You are being acted upon by a world you can't see. And that, by the way, is consistent with my life experience. Like, I've seen that, I've lived that. I'm 54. And so I feel like it's really important to approach politics with that in mind... (That is a true and important lesson, but we pray that Carlson will see the main theme of the Bible, which is God's eternal plan in Jesus Christ (*Ephesians 1:10*) and redemption through His vicarious atonement on Calvary.)

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THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE

Israel's Red Heifer

"This month, 9/22, the first red heifer arrived in Shiloh in Israel for the preparation of the Third Temple. "Five red heifers arrived in Israel and have been kept in an undisclosed location." - copied

Noah Webster & the Bible

"His 1828 *American Dictionary of the English Language* was packed with about 6,000 quotations from the Bible."

Iran's Underground Church

"Despite great oppression, the Islamic Republic of Iran has seen phenomenal growth in its underground church movement." - copied

"Regenerate church membership

is being corrupted in Baptist churches today, not by infant baptism and a sacramental gospel, but by shallow evangelism and hastiness and carelessness in receiving members.

This is usually done in the pragmatic rush to have a bigger church regardless of its spiritual health.

Today, the *unregenerate* church member doesn't trust his infant baptism and confirmation; he trusts his 'sinner's prayer.'

If we love God's Word, we will want a church of disciples, not a mixed multitude." (copied)

The Real Cause of Discontent

"Why dost thou complain of thy troubles?

It is not trouble that troubles but discontent. It is not the water *outside* the ship, but the water that gets within the leak, which drowns it. It is not outward affliction that can make the life of a Christian sad; a contented mind would sail above these waters; but when there is a leak of discontent open, and trouble gets into the heart, then it is disquieted and sinks. Do therefore as the mariners, pump the water out and stop this spiritual leak in thy soul. and no trouble can hurt thee."

- Thomas Watson

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Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
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Doctrines of 'Humanism'

The 'tenets' and 'religion' of godless Humanism

1. **EVOLUTION** - man gradually emerged by chance from lower forms of life over millions of years; no God, no creation.
2. **SELF-AUTHORITY** - Man is his own 'boss' and can and should be free to do what he wants. He is not accountable to any higher power or 'god'.
3. **SITUATION ETHICS** - There are no absolute rules by which to live; no ultimate right or wrong. Man chooses his own ways and lifestyles.
4. **SEXUAL PERMISSIVENESS** - All and any form of sexual expressions are acceptable; LGBTQ, etc.
5. **GOVERNMENTAL SOCIALISM** - Government ownership and control of all money and businesses; replacing private ownership of property and businesses.
6. **ONE-WORLD GOVERNMENT** - a 'global' citizenship to have authority over all individual countries; i.e. a united nations, world-wide currency, etc.
7. **REDUCED-POPULATION** - weaker and lower species must be eliminated for the good of others'; euthanasia, abortion, mercy-killings, etc.