

GW The Goodness Of God

Is there a more important verse in the Bible than Romans 8:28? **And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.**

God's ability to take the bad in our life and construct good out of it shouldn't surprise us, since goodness is at the core of who God is. Charnock, the Puritan who thought so carefully about the attributes of God, says that....

The true and genuine character of God is that he is good, he is goodness, good in himself, good in his essence, good in the highest degree, possessing whatsoever is comely, excellent, desirable; the highest good, because first good, whatsoever is perfect goodness is God; whatsoever is truly goodness in any creature is a resemblance of God. All the names of God are comprehended in this one of good. Furthermore, he is the efficient cause of all good, by an overflowing goodness of his nature. Truly God is good."

You Are Good

The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Psalm 159:9

God's goodness extends to all the works of his hands. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. **Genesis 1:31** Not only was he pleased, but he knew that what he made would be good for us as well. Isaiah tells us that this good God we worship **fashioned and made the earth....he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited. Isaiah 45:18** Let's praise God for his marvelous creation that is ours to enjoy.

Indescribable

PRAYER

Words fail us, Father. For who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise? **Psalm 106:2** Even though we can only highlight

your works this morning, our hearts leap at the thoughtfulness, the care, the concern that you continually exert on our behalf, and how you make your faithfulness new and fresh every morning. We say "GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS!"

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

God's goodness displayed on the cross is the greatest possible expression of his love. Spurgeon expands this beautifully.....

....."there happened to be an occasion upon which our great God could display his immeasurable love. The world had sadly gone astray; the world had lost itself; the world was tried and condemned; the world was given over to perish, because of its offenses; and there was need for help. The fall of Adam and the destruction of mankind made ample room and for the love of God Almighty to be displayed.

In spite of the ruins of humanity....Jehovah still loved the sons of men; the compass of his love was no less than the world, the object of it no less than to deliver men from going down to the pit, and the result of it no less than the finding of a ransom for them. The desperate disease of man gave occasion for the introduction of that divine remedy which God alone could have devised and supplied. By the plan of mercy, and the great gift which was needed for carrying it out, the Lord found means to display his boundless love to guilty men.

Had there been no fall, and no perishing, God might have shown his love to us as he does to the pure and perfect spirits that surround his throne; but he never could have commended his love to us to such an extent as he now does. In the gift of his only-begotten Son, God commended his love to us, in that while we were yet sinners, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

C. H. Spurgeon IMMEASURABLE LOVE

The Wonderful Cross

LEADER:

At one time we were dead in our sin,
Completely lost, fitting in with whatever the world said was right.

CONGREGATION:

Satan had our allegiance,
we were in his camp.

LEADER:

Each of us at one time lived to gratify the cravings of our sinful nature,
and thought nothing of fitting in with its desires and thoughts.

CONGREGATION:

And all the while we didn't realize that we were the walking dead,
enemies of God and without hope.

LEADER:

But God loves to show mercy.

CONGREGATION

And because of his great love for us,
even though we were dead in our sinful condition,
he brought us to life –

LEADER:

we deserved his wrath, and instead he poured out love –

CONGREGATION:

it is by grace that we have are being saved.

LEADER:

Our salvation has nothing to do with any effort on our part,
our life in Christ is a free gift of God.

CONGREGATION:

Glory be to God!

A Child Of God

OFFERING God Is For Me

SERMON

Convinced Of This