

God is Good!

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today! We are thrilled you are here!

God is good, all the time. Yes and amen. But how should we as believers respond to God's goodness? I've mentioned a few things above, but here now I will give three answers.

In light of God's goodness, you should: 1. Trust him. 2. Praise him. 3. Imitate him.

You should trust him. It's easy to think that God is good when good things happen. After a job promotion, when we're healed of a sickness, when we get good grades. But what about the senseless suffering, the tragedy and trauma, and all the hard things that happen in life? The Bible tells us that God is not the one to blame for evil. And yet, he somehow (for his glory) allows it. We don't fully understand why.

You will not always understand why God allows hard things in your life. But when hard things happen, will you trust his goodness toward you?

You should praise him. God is worthy of all our praise. A thankless Christian doesn't glorify God.

We should praise him in the good and in the bad, knowing that he is working all things out for good.

You should do good. Grudem writes, ". . . we should ourselves do good (that is, we should do what God approves), and thereby imitate the goodness of our heavenly father." (Gal. 6:10; 2 Tim. 3:17). We are saved by grace, not by works. But that doesn't mean our good works don't mean anything. In fact, God has created them before time began that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10). Like our good God, we should do good and seek to glorify God and serve others.

The next time you hear someone say "God is good," you'll now have a better understanding of what this means, and how this applies to your life. I hope you will continue to increase your understanding of God's goodness and respond to his goodness appropriately. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

(Article is an excerpt from David Qaoud on FaithIt.)

All Things for Christ,
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