CHRIST’S GOODNESS

*“I am the good shepherd.”*

* DEFINITION OF GOODNESS: **Goodness is moral righteousness and the inclination/desire to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others [i.e. generosity]**.

1 John 3:5 -- “You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and **in him there is no sin**.”

Acts 10:38 -- “He went about **doing good** and healing all who were oppressed by the devil…”

* Love, mercy, patience, and kindness are all manifestations of goodness. That’s why God tells Moses, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord’” (Ex. 33:19), and then says in Exodus 34:6, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”

GOODNESS IN CREATION

Genesis 1:31 -- “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was **very good**.”

Psalm 145:7 -- “They [wondrous works] shall pour forth the fame of your **abundant goodness** and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.”

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GOODNESS IN PROVIDENCE

Psalm 107:1 -- “Oh give thanks to the Lord, **for he is good**, for his steadfast love endures forever!” [*See the rest of Psalm 107 for examples of God’s good providence*]

Romans 8:28 -- “And we know that for those who love God **all things work together for good**, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

Genesis 50:20 -- “As for you, you meant evil against me, but **God meant it for good**”

James 1:17 -- “Every **good** and perfect gift is from above…”

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GOODNESS IN REDEMPTION

* The goodness of Christ is most vividly seen in the redemption of ungodly men. It was His goodness that both *initiated* this redemption as well as *accomplished* it:

Romans 5:6 -- “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.”

John 10:11 -- “I am the **good shepherd**. The **good shepherd** lays down his life for the sheep.”

1 Peter 1:18-19 -- “[You] were ransomed… with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb **without blemish or spot**.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 -- “For our sake he made him to be sin who **knew no sin**, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Hebrews 7:26-27 -- “For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, **holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners**, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.”

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