

GOODNESS OF GOD





“I never realized how controversial the subject of the nature of God could be until I began teaching week after week that God is good, *always*.”

Bill Johnson, *Face To Face With God*

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Because the human race of which God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion...” is now , due to rebellion in the human heart, “following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.”

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“For God so
loved the world,
that he gave his
only Son....”

John 3:16a

Jesus went...
proclaiming the
good news of God:
¹⁵ “The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of
God has come near.
Repent and believe
the good news!”

Mark 1:14b-15

“I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.
¹⁴ And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations,
and languages should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

Daniel 7:13-14 ESV

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John 16:33 CSB

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“...in me
you may have
peace. You will
have suffering
in this world. Be
courageous! I have
conquered the
world.”
John 16:33b

“Peace I leave
with you. My
peace I give to
you. I do not give
to you as the world
gives. Don't let your
heart be troubled
or fearful.”
John 14:27 CSB

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the
God of all comfort. ⁴ He comforts us in all our
affliction, so that we may be able to comfort
those who are in any kind of affliction, through
the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 2:3-4 CSB



WARNING

To say that the Father allows hard things is not meant “to justify submitting to nearly any problem that comes along.”

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through
sin or poor
choices

through
our words

because we
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We are asking
that you may be filled
with the knowledge
of his will in all wisdom and
spiritual understanding,
¹⁰ so that you may walk
worthy of the Lord, fully
pleasing to him....
Colossians 1:9b-10a

God is good!

He is masterfully and faithfully working in every circumstance, every situation, every experience – *good and bad* – that we might be continually transformed to become more and more like Christ, which is for our best and ultimate good, both in this life and the one to come.