

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Seal of Approval

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Everything about God is extreme – it is the ultimate. Who He is, His attributes, His ways, His thinking, His plans and purposes are ultimate. There is nothing higher or greater. There is nothing that is more than what God is. Nothing supersedes the qualities of God's nature. He is the ALL in ALL, the FULLNESS. His name is above everything that has been named or could be named in the future. ALL of His qualities are good. He Himself is good. He is extreme in His goodness.

Good is defined as beneficial, pleasing, favorable and right. His goodness is pure and holy. The goodness of God communicates a sense of delight and fathomless depth – there is no end to the goodness. Goodness is His nature, as it is the nature of fire to be hot. God's goodness is organic. His goodness is not changeable or diminishing. Not only is God good, but *He does good*. Jesus says that no one is good but God. In all things God has the ability to work for the good of those who love Him and have been called for His purpose (this is an amazing mystery).

There are moments when we encounter the goodness of God in such a personal way that we are overwhelmed. As was Moses when God showed him His goodness. Awareness of His goodness towards us brings definition and depth to our relationship with Him. When we encounter His goodness we see the heart of our Father – we feel His amazing love. A door opens and we can step into deeper faith, a greater certainty of who God is and how He moves. Our worship becomes more real. Our union with the Lord and His word becomes a strong tower in our heart. God's goodness is His love and faithfulness expressed to us personally, to our family, our city, our nation, even the whole earth.



Genesis 1.4 NIV

⁴ **God saw** that the light was good, and **he separated** the light from the darkness.

- All darkness, evil, manipulation, guilt, false accusation and usury are separated out of God's goodness.
- What is good is a benefit – it blesses and enhances.
- God gives good gifts to His children.
- God tells us to taste and see that He is good. He will show His goodness to us.

Romans 12.21 NIV

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but **overcome evil with good**.

- To overcome is a military term meaning to subdue, to conquer, to get the victory or be victorious.
- The goodness of God is interwoven in the victory we have through Jesus.
- The goodness of God has separated out defeat!
- Evil cannot overtake or defeat good!

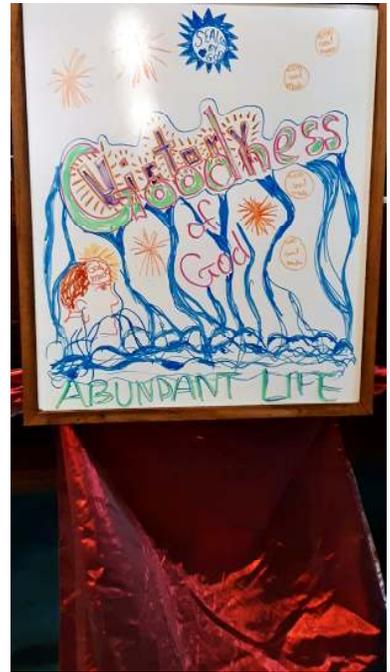
John 3.33-35 TPT

³³ Yet those who embrace his message know in their hearts that it's the truth. ³⁴ "The One whom God has sent to represent him will speak the words of God, for God has poured out upon him the fullness of the Holy Spirit without limitation. ³⁵ The Father loves his Son so much that all things have been given into his hands.

- John 3.33 The Aramaic is "Those who accept his testimony take God's true seal (upon them)."
- John 3.34 Or "the Spirit does not give anything in small measures." There is some textual evidence that this verse is saying, "The Son gives the Spirit [to his people] without measure."
- John 3.35 The text is simply "he has given all into his hands." The "all" can be all things, or "all authority," but can also mean "all people."

God's seal is His stamp of approval. Seal – is a device or substance that is used to join two things together so as to prevent them from coming apart or to prevent anything from passing between them.

- Who can separate you from the love of God?
- Freewill, who do you chose to serve and why?
- God's love for you and yours should be enough to keep you!



2 Timothy 2.19 KJV

¹⁹ Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

- Seal put Obedience to the Word of God.
- Sanctification has set us apart.
- He has made a way of escape for His people.

John 17.6-7, 9 TPT

⁶ "Father, I have manifested who you really are and I have revealed you to the men and women that you gave to me.

They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have fastened your Word firmly to their hearts.

⁷ And now at last they know that everything I have is a gift from you,

⁹ So with deep love, I pray for my disciples.

I'm not asking on behalf of the unbelieving world, but for those who belong to you, those you have given me.

- Our advocate Jesus identified us.
- Jesus has declared our purpose and set the standard to be followed.

Revelation 7.2-3 TPT

² Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, who had the seal of the living God. He shouted out with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, ³ saying, "Do not damage the earth, the sea, or the trees until we have marked the loving servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads."

Revelation 9.4 TPT

⁴They were told not to harm the grass, or any green growth or any tree, but only to afflict those who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

Prayer for Detroit

We stand in the gap for Detroit and declare John 17.13-21. I pray **Detroit** that **you** will experience and enter into **GOD's** joyous delight in you so that it is fulfilled in **you, Detroit** and overflows. Christ has given **DETROIT** your message God, and that is why the unbelieving world hates them. For their allegiance is no longer to this world because Christ is not of this world. **We are** not asking that you remove them from the world, but I ask that you guard their hearts from evil, for today we declare that Detroit no longer belongs to this world any more than Jesus does. "Your Word is truth! So make them holy by the truth. We pray that the Detroit metro area repents and is worthy to represent you just as you commissioned us to represent you. And now pray Detroit, that you will live as fully dedicated to God and be made holy by God's truth." "And I ask not only for the believers, but also for all those who will one day believe in Jesus the Christ through their message. We pray for them all to be joined together as one even as we and Christ, Father, are joined together as one. We pray for Detroit to become one with us...

