

The Goodness of God Series ~ 2019

Message #8: "THE RESURRECTION – THE PROOF OF HIS GOODNESS!"

April 21, 2019 – Matthew 28:1-10

2019 DECLARATION: I WILL SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD WHILE I LIVE BUT I MUST WAIT ON THE LORD.

KEYS FOR TODAY'S MESSAGE

- The resurrection was not a secret thing. Peter and the Apostles plus 500+ people (according to 1 Cor. 15:6-8) saw Him at one time. They were all eye witnesses to the greatest event in the history of man. **WITHOUT THE RESURRECTION, THE GOSPEL IS INCOMPLETE AND INEFFECTIVE!**
- The three key FACTS of the Gospel message are:
 1. **Christ died for our sins.** We remembered this on Good Friday.
 2. **Christ was buried.** This also occurred on Good Friday.
 3. **Christ rose from the dead and lives forevermore.** The key event of the Gospel message is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. No other religion, movement, theory, or philosophy has such an event. This is what saves us.
- **Romans 10:9 NIV** *If you declare (announce, affirm) with your mouth, "JESUS IS LORD," and BELIEVE in your heart (it's settled) that God raised Him from the dead, YOU WILL BE SAVED.* This is the importance of today – Resurrection Sunday – and demonstrates how GOOD God is to us!

❧ SERIES PRINCIPLES ❧

Principle #1 GOODNESS IS A BASIC QUALITY OF GOD. Other properties of God such as forgiveness, unconditional love, compassion, mercy, kindness, favor, grace, etc., flow from His goodness. **Exodus 33:19** Then He said, "I will make all My GOODNESS pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

Principle #2 GOD OPERATES AT A DIFFERENT LEVEL, SO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF "GOODNESS" IS NOT HIS UNDERSTANDING. **Isaiah 55:8-9** For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Principle #3 UNDERSTANDING THE GOODNESS OF GOD MOVES US INTO DEEPER LEVELS OF TRUST. In the book **The Shack**, God says to the main character: "*The real underlying flaw in your life is that you don't think that I'm good. If you knew I was good and everything – the means, the ends, and all the process of individual lives – is all covered by My goodness, then while you might not always understand what I am doing, you would trust Me.*" Once we really grasp the goodness of God, our level of trust will change. After seeing this, we will cry out, "I TRUST YOU, GOD!"

Principle #4 WHEN WE FINALLY GET HOW GOOD GOD IS, IT WILL REVOLUTIONIZE OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES. The enemy is constantly fighting us over this so that we end up back in the typical whiny state of most Christians. **Once we understand His goodness, we will never be the same again.**