

UNTWISTED

BE GOOD. DO GOOD. (GOODNESS)

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INTRODUCTION

God loves to untwist what is twisted.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. Galatians 5:19-21

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

THE TRAJECTORY OF GOODNESS

God the Father defines good

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. Romans 1:20

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Genesis 1:27-28

Goodness is God-centeredness made visible.

Sin vandalizes the good.

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. Psalm 14:1

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Isaiah 5:20

God restores goodness.

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness;

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and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:3-8

CONCLUSION

What would God do or say if He were here?

REVIEW

Love: To will the good of another.

Joy: Sign of an ultimate healing.

Peace: The kingdom cure to anxiety.

Patience: Living life in the control of another.

Kindness: Love in action.

Goodness: God-centeredness made visible.