



GOODNESS

What Is Goodness?

- What does goodness mean to you?
- In the Bible it highlights goodness as a fruit of the Spirit
- God calls us to be good to those who aren't necessarily good to us. (Luke 6:35)
- This can seem very difficult if we try to do this ourselves and may not last very long, but with God all things are possible.
- The Bible also tells us to 'hate what is evil; cling to what is good' (Romans 12:9)

We are called as Christians to live in a way that reflects the character of Christ. Matthew 5:16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Jesus and Goodness

- “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. (Luke 18:19)
- Jesus is responding like this because in the Jewish culture, they only referred to God as ‘good’.
- He is highlighting to those listening that He in fact is God in a rhetorical way.
- Since The LORD is good, He calls us to become more like Him through imitating.
- Can you think of any other examples of Jesus expressing His goodness?
- *(Hint: look into miracles)*

Jesus heals a man born blind

◦ READ: John 9:1-34

How do the people within the story react?

1. Blind man
2. Pharisees
3. Jesus Christ
4. Parents of the blind man
5. The disciples
6. The Jews

- The Pharisees were not happy with the miracle and didn't believe as well as pressurising people not to acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. They insulted the blind man and threw him out. (Luke 9: 16, 22, 24, 28, 34)
- The blind man was grateful for the miracle and didn't deny that Jesus is the Christ because of His goodness. (Luke 9:11, 31-33) he called Jesus a Prophet which is one of The LORD's characteristics as He did miracles.
- Jesus expressed His goodness through healing the blind man. (Luke 9:3-7)
- The parents of the blind man were afraid of the Jews and didn't want to be thrown out. (Luke 9:20-22)
- The disciples were curious of the condition of the blind man. (Luke 9: 1-4)
- Some of the were in disbelief, they couldn't understand the goodness of God and questioned the character of Jesus. (Luke 9: 16-17)

What other miracles can you think of?