



**Never Ever Doubt the
Love, Goodness & Kindness
of God**

Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear, revere, and worship You, goodness which You have wrought for those who trust and take refuge in You before the sons of men!

Psalm 31:19 (Amplified)

- ▶ Why did God save me?
- ▶ What is God's purpose in saving me?
- ▶ What is it that makes me most like Jesus?

He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon
a rock, making my steps secure.

Psalm 40:2

For the wages which sin pays is death, but the [bountiful] free gift of God is eternal life through (in union with) Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (Amplified)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

8. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God
9. not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
10. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10

- ▶ Why did God save me?
Because He LOVES me!
- ▶ What is God's purpose in saving me?
To bring Him glory!

▶ **What is it that makes me most like Jesus?**

Behold My servant, Whom I uphold,
My chosen, in whom My soul delights;
I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will
bring forth justice to the nations.

Isaiah 42:1

- Everyone single one of us can serve God by serving others and therefore bring glory to His name.
- God loves us so that we might love others
- God is good and kind to us so that we might be good and kind to others.

So how do we as fairly self-absorbed people get to be like Jesus?

We cannot do it in our own strength so let's be encouraged by how God completes this mammoth job in us!

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will [because it pleased Him and was His kind intent].

Ephesians 1:5 (Amplified)

... so that we might receive adoption as sons

Galatians 4:5

... you received God's Spirit when
He adopted you as His own children.

Romans 8:15

God adopts people who are completely unworthy, because He adopts on the basis of His love, goodness and kindness. This means that as Christians we are forever part of God's family.

What does being changed into the image and likeness of Christ look like?

- Growing in our knowledge of Christ.

14. So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by a in deceitful schemes.
15. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.

Ephesians 4:14-15

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1. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
2. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

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- Sanctification which is the practical experiences as part of our separation unto God.

Jesus prays these words to His Father about us:

16. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
17. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.
18. As you sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
19. And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

John 17:16-19

**Little by little, every day, we are
“those who are being sanctified”**

For by a single offering He has forever
completely cleansed and perfected those
who are consecrated and made holy.

Hebrews 10:14

The Lord seems to mostly achieve our sanctification through tests and trials!!

6. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,
7. so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6-7

Sanctification always involves the Lord's discipline!

For the Lord disciplines the
one He loves, and chastises
every son whom He receives.

Hebrews 12:6

- ▶ God's discipline is often used to refine our faith, strengthen our character, and bring glory to Him.
- ▶ The Bible assures us that God's discipline is not punishment but rather a demonstration of His love and desire for our transformation.
- ▶ Ultimately, God's discipline confirms our identity as His dearly loved children and leads us to righteousness.

2. And His disciples asked Him, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?
 3. Jesus answered, 'It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.
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John 9:2-3

There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

**God's discipline is not punishment because
Jesus already bore our punishment.**

And we know that for those who love God
all things work together for good, for those
who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

**God does not lose His temper, treat us unfairly,
or allow us to suffer anything that is not for
our ultimate good.**

Discipline is not merely corrective; it also involves training. God's grace that brings salvation results in us being trained, disciplined to do good works.

7. Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness;
8. for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

1 Timothy 4:7-8

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:11

2. Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,
 3. for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
 4. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
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James 1:2-4

7. In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence.
 8. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered.
 9. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.
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Hebrews 5:7-9

- ▶ Jesus fully experienced just how painful and difficult obedience in the face of temptation can be.
- ▶ Jesus understands our sore temptations, tests and trials, He's been through training and discipline because God allowed Him to experience that.
- ▶ Jesus has already been there! That's why He GETS IT!

For because He Himself [in His humanity] has suffered in being tempted (tested and tried), He is able [immediately] to run to the cry of (assist, relieve) those who are being tempted and tested and tried [and who therefore are being exposed to suffering].

Hebrews 2:18 (Amplified)

16. The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.
17. Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.
18. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.
19. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

Romans 8:16-19