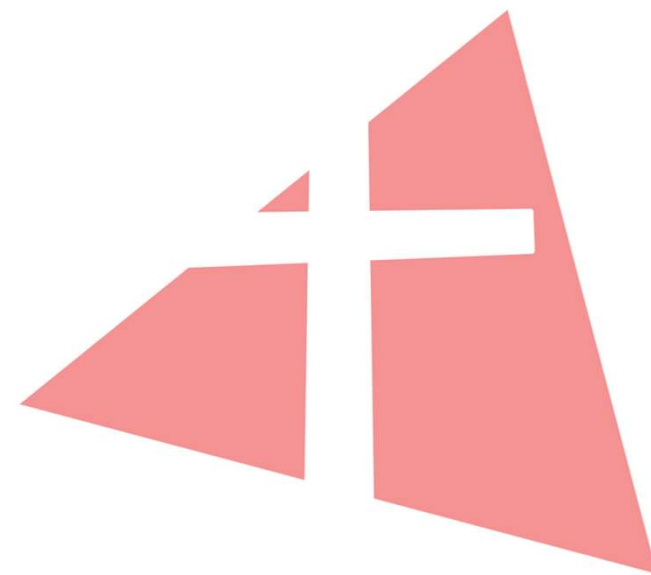


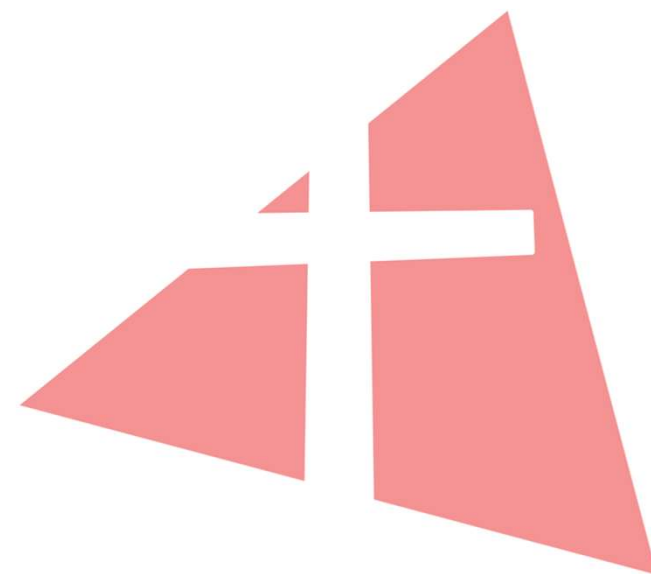
God is Good

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Last Week

- **God lives in us**



Today's Focus

- **God is good**



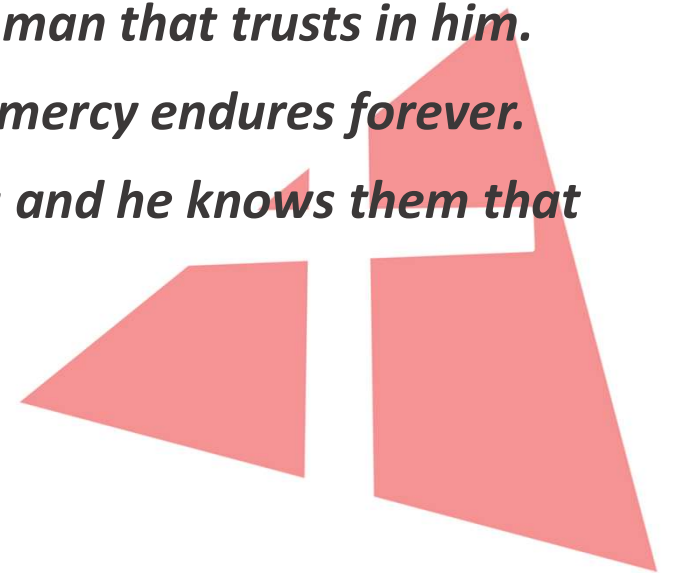
Who God is

Psalm 145:9 The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Psalm 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusts in him.

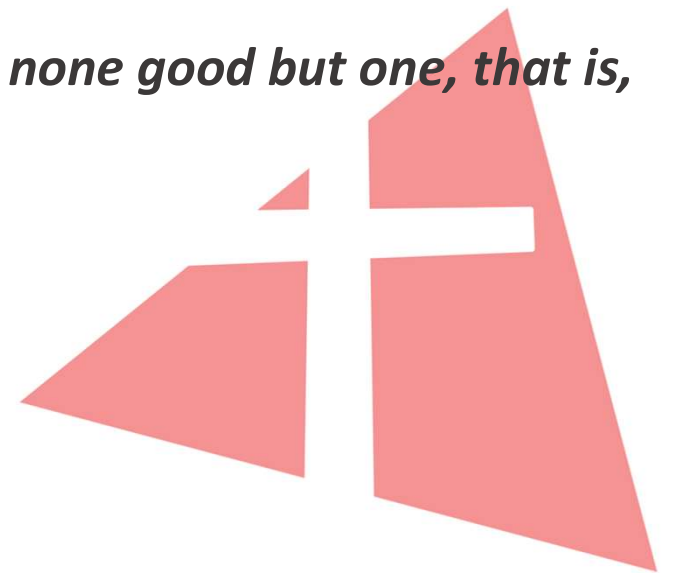
Psalm 107:1 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endures forever.

Nahum 1:7 The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knows them that trust in him.



Jesus' Words

Mark 10:18 And Jesus said unto him, Why call me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.



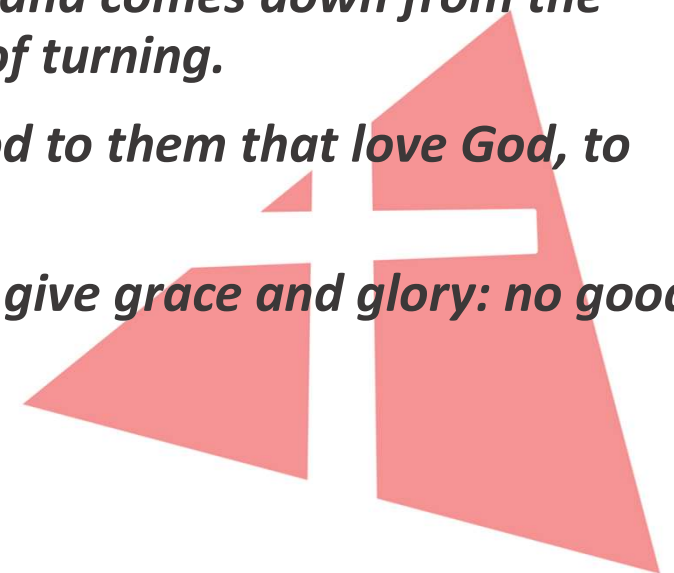
What God does

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

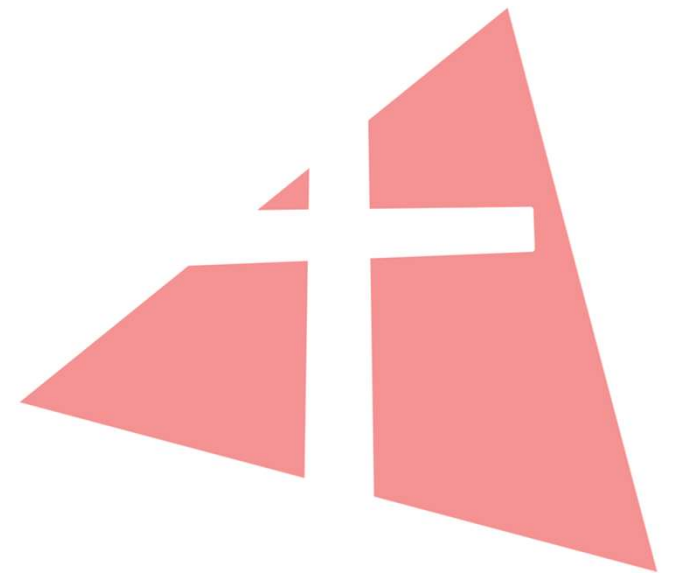
Psalms 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.



The Bible's Teaching

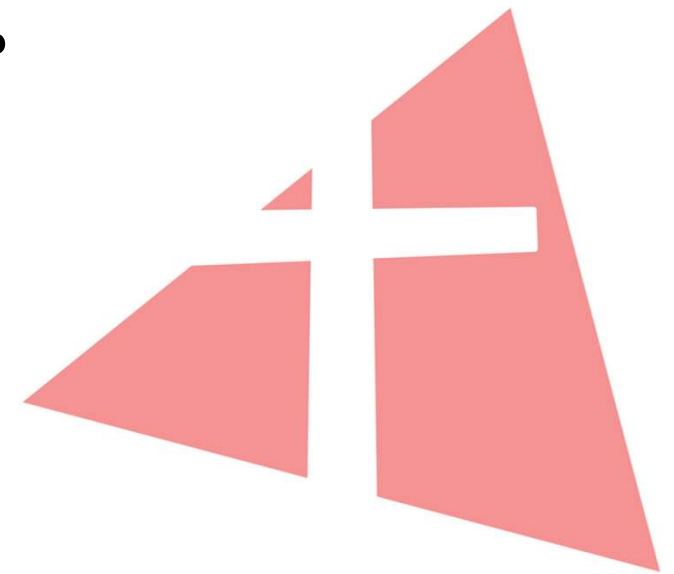
○ God is Good

- He wants the best for us
- He has good plans for us
- He is almighty to do whatever He wants for our good
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Knowing vs. Experiencing

- **Why do many Christians question whether God is really good?**
- **In another way: Why does bad stuff happen to good people?**



Why does bad stuff happen to good people?

- There are no “good people”

Luke 18:9-14 And he spoke this parable unto certain who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank you, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted.

Why does bad stuff happen to good people?

- We don't know what is really good for us!

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?



Why does bad stuff happen to good people?

- Sin has consequences



Why does bad stuff happen to good people?

- **God disciplines**

Hebrews 12:3-11 For consider him that endured such hostility of sinners against himself, lest you be wearied and faint in your minds. You have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks unto you as unto children, My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chastens not? But if you be without chastisement, of which all are partakers, then are you illegitimate children, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh who corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them who are trained by it.

Why does bad stuff happen to good people?

- God knows that “what’s best eternally” isn’t always “what we think is best for us today”



In Conclusion

- Seeing God's Goodness is a choice!

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