

Eight reasons why God is good

“He’s better than we think – let’s change the way we think”

1. Because the bible says that goodness is in His very core.

Ex 33:18 Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” 19 And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

Goodness is central to the heart and glory of God.

2. Because the beauty of this world makes me believe that ultimately good not evil created it.

Psa. 139:14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. **Wonderful** are your works; my soul knows it very well.

3. Because many circumstances that have brought pain I have seen God redeem and turn to good

Genesis 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

This is how we repay good for evil, how we forgive, how we move on.

4. Because even those situations that I have not seen turned to good, God’s track record makes me believe he ultimately will do so

Rom. 8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God **all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.**

5. Because his goodness and kindness is seen through his people

2Cor. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all **comfort**, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to **comfort** those who are in any affliction, with the **comfort** with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

6. Because he has consistently demonstrated his goodness and kindness to me

Psa. 31:19 Oh, how abundant is your **goodness**, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!

7. Because of Jesus' life

Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about **doing good** and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

8. Because of Jesus' death

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 **But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy,** by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace

Let's remember and never take for granted the goodness and kindness of God.

Rom. 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his **kindness** and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's **kindness** is meant to lead you to repentance?

