

††† SERMON NOTES †††
GODOLOGY – WORDS ABOUT GOD – GOODNESS
“God is great? God is good? I’d believe Him if I could.”

Ps. 119:68 – You are good, and what You do is good.

James 1:17 – “Every good and perfect gift is from above...”

Ps. 86:5 – “You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to You.”

Ps. 27:13 – (KJV) - I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living” NIV - “I am still confident of this, I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.”

This is not fundamentally a problem to which there are answers, but a mystery to which there are insights.

I. BASIC TRUTHS:

A. God is – Gen. 1:1

B. God is _____ – Jer. 32:17

C. God is _____ – Ps. 100:5

D. There is evil in the world; bad things happen to good people – Rom. 5:12

II. 4 BASIC ANSWERS NON-CHRISTIANS GIVE

A. God does not exist.

B. God is not _____.

C. God is not _____.

D. There is no _____.

III. CHRISTIAN THEOLOGIANS OFFER 3 ANSWERS:

A. We deserve whatever we get.

B. I _____ it.

C. Bad things will become _____ things. Rom. 8:28,29 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29) For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

I won’t always understand WHY or HOW, but I know WHOM I have believed.

