



God Alone is Good

2 Thessalonians 1:10-12

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I. We cannot determine what is good on our own

Romans 3:9-12

*What then? Are we any better? Not at all!
For we have previously charged that both
Jews and Gentiles are all under sin,¹⁰ as
it is written:*

There is no one righteous, not even one.



I. We cannot determine what is good on our own

Romans 3:9-12

*11 There is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.*

*12 All have turned away;
all alike have become useless.
There is no one who does what is good,
not even one.*



II. Only God decides what is good

Psalm 119:68

*You are good, and You do what is good;
teach me Your statutes.*



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Luke 18:18-19

¹⁸ A ruler asked Him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹ “Why do you call Me good?” Jesus asked him. “No one is good but One—God.”



III. One way God shows His goodness is by offering us a way back to Him



Psalm 25:8-11

- 8 *The Lord is good and upright;
therefore He shows sinners the way.*
- 9 *He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches them His way.*
- 10 *All the Lord's ways show faithful love
and truth to those who keep His
covenant and decrees.*
- 11 *Because of Your name, Yahweh,
forgive my sin, for it is great.*



Agathosune – “Goodness” – Comes from God and shows itself in spiritual and moral excellence.

Goodness is virtue and holiness in action; it is working for the spiritual benefit of others.



IV. True goodness results in Jesus Christ being made known

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¹⁰ in that day when He comes to be glorified by His saints and to be admired by all those who have believed, because our testimony among you was believed.

¹¹ And in view of this, we always pray for you that our God will consider you worthy of His calling, and will,



*by His power, fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith,
12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*



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Matthew 5:16

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.