

## The Fruit of the Spirit Is Goodness

Text: 1st Peter 3:1-7; 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:1-4

Those who share their blessings are the greatest champions of all. Goodness is greatness.

God has given us living hope, precious promises, and he wants us to participate in his divine nature.

As Christians we have everything we need we abide in Christ.

God the source of goodness, has provided all we require thorough Jesus Christ, who has called us not because of our deserving favor, but because that's who God is and that is what God does. Ref: Phil. 4:19; Psalm 109:21

Divine deliverance does not depend on presenting ourselves as a model, holy, human, being. If that was the case none of could come before God; "For we are all sinners." Ref: Psalm 109:21

We are to seek deliverance as the Palmist wrote: "Deliver me out of the goodness of your love. We are to seek deliverance from God's matchless character: Out of the goodness of his love."

In the last days people will have a form of godliness, but deny its power. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:5

If there is a God in Heaven, (And we know there is) and if it is He who indeed gives the law of wrong and good and evil, if it is He who will render final judgement, this self-promoted goodness will go for nothing.

To speak of goodness as the Spirit's fruit, is to acknowledge and agree that this prized characteristic of goodness is not of our doing. We cannot honestly demonstrate spiritual goodness without the Spirit.

How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me? Psalm 116:12

God's divine nature is good. God not only wants us to be like Him, but He makes it possible through His promises.

God's goodness is active, emotive, and involved in our lives

He is the God who reveals Himself in Jesus Christ, who is Himself the perfect model of goodness.

In Jesus Goodness makes the ultimate sacrifice.

Goodness therefore is not defined as something we can't do, but to do something for somebody. Good persons are not admirable in themselves; they become "forces for good" on the behalf of others. Ref: Romans 8:28

Goodness breeds goodness.

God expects us to make every effort to do good. And that goodness, doing good for others must begin with the people who are your brothers and sisters in Christ.

A congregation embracing only good people is a bad church or no church at all. Ref: Ephesians 5:8.9

What the world needs now, is light. In Christ, God gave the light. You and I on whom the light has shone, are reflectors of that light.