

## INTRODUCTION

- \* Knowing God – The Quest ... *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (John 17: 3)*
- \* We have considered The Existence and Exclusiveness of God, The Composition of God, The Attributes of God (Natural, Vocational, & Moral)
- \* As we have examined the Moral Attributes of God ... we have seen a constant theme running through the Scriptures – the glorification through His redemption of man. This redemption process is culminated in the Goodness of God.
- \* We have seen that God is holy and righteous – but we are not. Yet God is loving and faithful and desires for all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth ... and that truth is - that God, in His goodness, made a way for us to be reconciled to Him through the payment of the penalty of our sins. That "way" was for God Himself to be incarnate, taking on the form of a servant in the likeness of man and dying on the cross – AND THEN raising from the dead – conquering death!

## INSTRUCTION

### I. THE CONSIDERATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS

#### A. The Definition of God's Goodness (cf. Exodus 33:19; 34:5-6)

\* *Grace: unmerited honor or favor rendered by one who need not do so*

*Biblically: when I get what I do not deserve*

\* *Mercy: compassionate or kindly forbearance shown toward an offender, an enemy, or other person in one's power*

*Biblically: when I do not get what I deserve*

#### B. The Expression of God's Goodness ... the goal of God's goodness is to lead us to repentance

1. IN THE PROCESS OF REDEMPTION (cf. Ephesians 2:4-9; Titus 3:4-7; Psalm 25:6-10; Romans 4:4-5; 4:16; 5:1-2)
2. IN THE PROCESS OF RESTORATION (cf. Psalm 51:1; 86:1-6, 15-16; 103:1-17; Hebrews 4:16)

### II. THE APPLICATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS

#### A. The Consideration of God's Goodness Should Provoke Our Desire to \_\_\_\_\_ Him

- \* Psalm 96:1-13; 100:1-5; 107: 1-32; 136:1-3

*One of the greatest ways we Worship God is through our desire to reflect Him*

#### B. The Consideration of God's Goodness Should Provoke Our Desire to \_\_\_\_\_ Him

1. IN THE EXERCISE OF OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. I Peter 2:9-16; I Timothy 1:12-16)
2. IN THE EXERCISE OF OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Ephesians 4: 29- 5:1)
3. IN THE EXERCISE OF OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. I Peter 4:10; Romans 12: 3-8)
4. IN THE EXERCISE OF OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. II Peter 3:17-18)

## INTROSPECTION

☞ HOW HAVE YOU APPROPRIATED THE GOODNESS OF GOD?

- \* Sinners, God in His goodness desires to redeem you and restore you. Are you willing to accept that by faith?

☞ HOW HAVE YOU REFLECTED THE GOODNESS OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE?

IN YOUR WORDS?      IN YOUR GIFTS?      IN YOUR FAITH?

☞ HOW REAL IS WORSHIP IN YOUR LIFE?