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We hear or read that God is Good, but do we know or appreciate what that means? Do we really understand The **Goodness** of God? I worship with music and the best song for me to worship by is "The **Goodness** of God" sung by Jenn Johnson of the Bethel Singers. Only she of many singers who try to sing this song can place the emotion for the listeners mind and heart into the words and accompanying music that does this song justice. This playback is like reading Scripture and feeling the meaning through the mind and heart of the reader. "More of You Jesus" by "The Singing Angel" accomplishes this same effect when it is heard. The Bible says God is Good, but it is not what He does but who He is and who He is never changes. His Word is truth, and He never relinquishes that truth. We cannot change that truth as the Bible says that anyone who changes what the Bible says will be cursed. That includes the many so-called pastors who pervert the truth. The life of Jesus the Christ is a perfect example of God' **goodness** as Jesus died on the cross for the sins of all of us in order to give us the gift of eternal life in an eternal Heaven on an eternal New Earth. The Gospel of Christ means "Good News" and we believers are endowed with grace through faith as the "Good News" of our destiny when life here on this Earth is completed.

Within the **goodness** of God is His generosity but His generosity is infinite as He longs to bring joy and blessings to each one of us. The Bible repeatedly presents **goodness** as a core quality of our Lord and what it means in our lives. Following are several verses from the Bible that tell of God' **goodness**:

- **Exodus 33:19** – And He said, I Myself will make all My **goodness** pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.
- **Psalms 23:6** – Surely **goodness** and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
- **Psalms 31:19** – How great is Thy **goodness**, which Thou has stored up for those who fear Thee, which Thou hast wrought for those who take refuge in Thee, before the sons of men.
- **Galatians 5:22-23** – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, **goodness**, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
- **II Thessalonians 1:11-12** – To this end also we pray for you always that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for **goodness** and the work of faith with power; in order that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We receive the **goodness** of God through His nature as expressed in the above verses and many more. When we join His nature we realize His peace, abundance, healing, victory, guidance, and protection. His promises are great and worthy of praise and a connection to all that He is. His covenant and unfailing love, provided with mercy, grace, kindness, and loyalty makes Him available to us all the days of our life – we just need to ask, and all things are possible if we believe in Him. We do have to look to God for what is in store for us in the future. We recognize that we have to go forward with plans and goals and if we open a door that He does not agree with, we will have to take another path. Prayer, understanding His Word, and taking action with personal responsibility are keys to making the right decisions for the future. We have His **goodness** within us. Let it be known by our examples of giving, words, actions, and reactions. In all things express love for others and do not forget love as in the Second Commandment says we are to love others as we love ourselves but the changed New Commandment that we are to love others as He loves us.

The Lyrics for The Goodness of God are as follows:

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God (yeah)

And all my life You have been faithful (oh)
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God (yeah)

'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me (oh-oh)

'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after
It keeps running after me

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able

Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
(I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing)

'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

The Lyrics of More of You Jesus are as follows:

There is no love
That could ever be as great in Your impossible
Pouring over me.
You already knew my heart was ready for anything
Jesus I am ready to run this race.

You give me strength when I need it.
You give me faith to believe it.
You give me hope when I can't see it.
You show me the ways I don't understand
That is just part of Your plan.

You give me faith to move mountains
That I can't move.
I just want more of You.

There is no place
That I would rather be than in your presence
Flowing over me.
You already knew my story already my own
Jesus you are not going to leave me yet.

You give me strength when I need it.
You give me faith to believe it.
You give me hope when I can't see it.
You show me ways I don't understand
That is just part of Your plan.

Jesus You are moving mountains
That I can't move.
I just want more of You.

I just want more and more and more of You Jesus
I just want more and more and more of You Jesus
I just want more and more and more of You Jesus

Than I ever did before
And I never wanted even more.

You give me strength when I need it.
You give me faith to believe it.
You give me hope when I can't see it.
You show me the ways I don't understand
That is just part of Your plan.

Jesus You are moving mountains
That I can't move.
I just want more of You
More of You Jesus.

You show me ways I don't understand
That is just part of your plan.
Jesus you are moving mountains
I can't move.
I just want more of You
More of You Jesus.