

the TAKE HOME 08.14.16

Sermon Series Scripture Passage: Galatians 5:22-23

...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, **goodness**, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

What is goodness?

- Goodness: moral and spiritual excellence manifested in active kindness. MacArthur Study Bible
- Goodness: a unique quality inside us that works its way out into our actions.

Do we need goodness?

- There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does **good**, not even one. Romans 3:10-12
- And I know that nothing **good** lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is **good**, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. Romans 7:18-20
- I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are **full of goodness**... Romans 15:14
- Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your **good works**, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Where does goodness come from?

- God saw all that he had made, and it was very **good**. Genesis 1:31
- And the Lord said, "I will cause all my **goodness** to pass in front of you...." Exodus 33:19-20
- Every **good** and perfect gift is from above... James 1:17

Sermon Notes

Respond to the _____ of the Spirit

...that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for **goodness** and your every deed prompted by faith. 2 Thessalonians 1:11

Let your Christian friends _____ you

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and **good** deeds... Hebrews 10:24

_____ what is not good

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all **goodness**, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. Ephesians 5:8-13

Communion Reflection Verse

Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 7