**"THE GOOD ONE"---Psalms 100:5   For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. -**

**In the first chapter of Genesis we have the account of how everything got started by God's creative power. And God saw everything he had made, and behold it was VERY GOOD! But because of sin entering the world, it all went from GOOD to BAD; and things have been bad ever since!**

***Matthew 19:17   And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good BUT ONE, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.   Mark 10:18   And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good BUT ONE, that is, God. Romans 3:10-12   As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.  They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Romans 7:21   I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.*** \***We are told here that not a single person on earth meets God's criteria for the word "GOOD"! Doing GOOD and being GOOD are two different things!-(Evil people can perform good deeds, but that doesn't make them good people!)**

***(John Wesley once said-"Do all the GOOD you can, by all the MEANS you can, in all the WAYS you can, in all the PLACES you can, at all the TIMES you can, to all the PEOPLE you can, as long as EVER you can.")....but even then, we are no good! Luke 17:10   So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.***

***Romans 3:23   For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;   
Romans 5:12   Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Ecclesiastes 7:20   For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.***

**\*It is no wonder that the bible is referred to as the "GOOD BOOK"; because the word "good" appears in nearly 800 verses! Last week the Hayes Family sang a song about how "God is good". Another group sang "I have been blessed, God's so good to me"! While preaching on subjects like sin, repentance, judgment day and Hell, let's not forget the GOOD STUFF! Remember, according to scripture it is the "GOODNESS OF GOD that leads us to repentance"! \*One has described the origin of the word "good" as "God" with a long "O"!**

***("GOOD")-adjective :***

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|  | **\*morally excellent; in excellent condition, not spoiled or tainted, free from blemish, virtuous**- ***John 8:7   So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. (The BAD ones and ROTTEN ones will always be there to judge and throw rocks, but thank God for the GOOD one showing up when he did!) Hebrews 4:15   For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Luke 23:4   Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.(3x's)***  \***worthy, righteous**; ***Revelation 5:2-5   And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?   And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.   And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.   And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof*** |

**\*The word "GOOD" also means to be "favorably regarded and acceptable"!** ***2 Peter 1:17   For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.***

**\*In biblical Typology Jesus is referred to as "the good one"!** **(Skins were given Adam & Eve in the Garden to clothe their nakedness which pointed to the GOOD ONE'S death on a cross)-(Joseph was despised and rejected by his family and threw into an empty pit, but years down the road that same family found out that he was the savior of the world from famine and starvation!)-(Mephibosheth was a descendent of wicked king Saul and was a cripple, but David slid his lame legs under the kings table feeding and taking care of him the rest of his life, all pointing to the GOOD ONE to come!)-(The prophets foretold of a GOOD ONE coming; and after 400 silent years a star lit the night sky pointing to the GOOD ONE'S BIRTH. The shepherds found that nobody had made room for the only GOOD thing to ever enter the world since the fall of man!**

**\*kind, beneficent, honorable; in proper standing, genuine, reliable; dependable; responsible and sufficient- *Acts 10:38   God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.\*After doing good for his 33 year walk on earth, Jesus stood before Pilate who told the crowds, "This is a GOOD ONE! I find no fault in him at all!" Remember in the old testament the lamb offered had to be a GOOD ONE! After killing the GOOD and BESTONE on a cross...he was SO GOOD that death could not hold him!!! The GOOD ONE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, and best of all, the GOOD ONE IS COMING BACK WITHOUT SIN UNTO SALVATION!!!***

***Psalms 4:6   There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.-\*Peter was shown GOOD when he had denied the Lord; for Jesus stood on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and gave him 153 great fish-then forgave him saying "feed my sheep!" Three years earlier, Peter told Jesus "Depart from me for I am a sinful man"...I am NO GOOD!!! But Jesus was GOOD ENOUGH FOR EVERYBODY...and THAT IS SALVATION****!*

**(1)-AS THE FATHER OF SALVATION, HIS PLAN IS GOOD-(Engineers and change-orders) *2 Corinthians 3:5   Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Romans 8:28   And we know that all things work together for GOOD to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.***

***In the story of the Pharisee & Publican, the Pharisee thought he was GOOD ENOUGH to do something about his eternity; while out in the street is a tax collector that everybody hates...and he drops his head and feels he can never be GOOD ENOUGH! Today I AM NOT GOOD ENOUGH to get you into heaven, and nobody in the world is GOOD ENOUGH, so JESUS CHRIST is good enough for everybody!!!-(He is the GOOD SHEPHERD that gave his life for the sheep!...He is the GOOD SAMARITAN that found us half dead on the downward road to Hell!....He is the one and only GOOD SAVIOR!-John 14:6-"I am THE way, THE truth, THE life!"***

**(2)-AS THE FRIEND OF SINNERS, HIS PITY IS GOOD-(Job put God's goodness to the test!)-(Zacchaeus in Jericho-the parade was for Zacchaeus!) \*Jesus was known for his pity of the poor rejects of society, but he took time for Pilate, Herod, and high-ranking Pharisees as well! He was approachable to all....children, old people like simeon in the Temple!...but most importantly Brian Eades!**

**(3)-AS THE SOVEREIGN FOREVER,HIS POWER IS GOOD-**  ***Mark 7:37   And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.***

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