



# Fruit of the Spirit

(Galatians 5:22-23)

## "GOODNESS"

**"The quality or state of being good."**  
**(Merriam-Webster's Dictionary)**

- The word "good" comes from English and German roots that mean "to unite" and "what one clings to." It was first used prior to the 12th century.
- It is used to describe that which is suitable, agreeable, pleasant, virtuous and commendable.

### Questions to consider:

- ▶ What is the difference between doing good and being good?
- ▶ Can a bad person do good things (Romans 2:14-15)? But who are they glorifying?
- ▶ Can a saved person do bad things? What are they giving in to?
- ▶ How does the world define what is good and how does God define what is good? (Proverbs 14:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- ▶ How can we know the difference (Psalm 119:11)?

### Thief on the cross #1

(sin in him and on him)

### **Jesus Christ**

(sin on Him but not in Him)

### Thief on the cross #2

(sin in him but not on him)

### Verses to consider:

- ◆ We are born in sin and no one is righteous (Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:10-12).
- ◆ The human heart is deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9).
- ◆ God is the only One who is good (Mark 10:18; Luke 18:19).
- ◆ All good things come from God (James 1:17).
- ◆ We only do good when we have God's Spirit living in us (3 John 1:11; Ephesians 2:10).
- ◆ Our good behavior should point to God, not to us, to glorifying Him alone (Matt. 5:16).
- ◆ Our goodness is recognized by what we DO and not what we SAY (Matthew 7:16-20).
- ◆ Sincere acts of goodness come from the good stored up in our hearts (Luke 6:45).
- ◆ It is God's Word that equips us to do good works (2 Timothy 3:16-17).



**Goodness is a fruit of the Spirit  
and therefore,  
Cannot exist without the Spirit!**