

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

**TRUTH**

**GOODNESS**

**BEAUTY**



# Truth—Goodness—Beauty

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worth of praise, think about these things.-Philippians 4:8



# GOODNESS

- Connects with the will or strength
- If Christianity is true, does it have any bearing on how I live?



# Goodness--Society

- “You won’t die” the serpent replied to the woman, “God knows that as soon as you eat of it, you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.” —Genesis 3:4
- Psalm 14:1-3
  - There is no one who does good.
- Downstream from relativism
  - But still an innate sense of right and wrong.



# Romans 1:18-20

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.



# Gospel Goodness

- God is goodness
  - You are good and what you do is good.-Psalm 119:68 (NIV)
- We learn what goodness is best by looking at goodness himself, Jesus
  - He lived goodness
  - He taught goodness



# How do we live?

- Stop pretending
- Put on the character of Christ
- Individually
  - Live good lives--1 Peter 2:12
  - Remember who you are.—Ephesians 2:8-10
  - Keep getting up
- Relationally
  - Brotherhood of faith-John 13:34-35
  - Neighbors—1 Corinthians 10:24
  - Everyone—1 Thessalonians 5:14



# How do we live?

- Memorize Colossians 3:1-17
- Pick a character word (e.g., Galatians 5) to think about each day.
- Begin to put into practice the things Christ called us to.

