

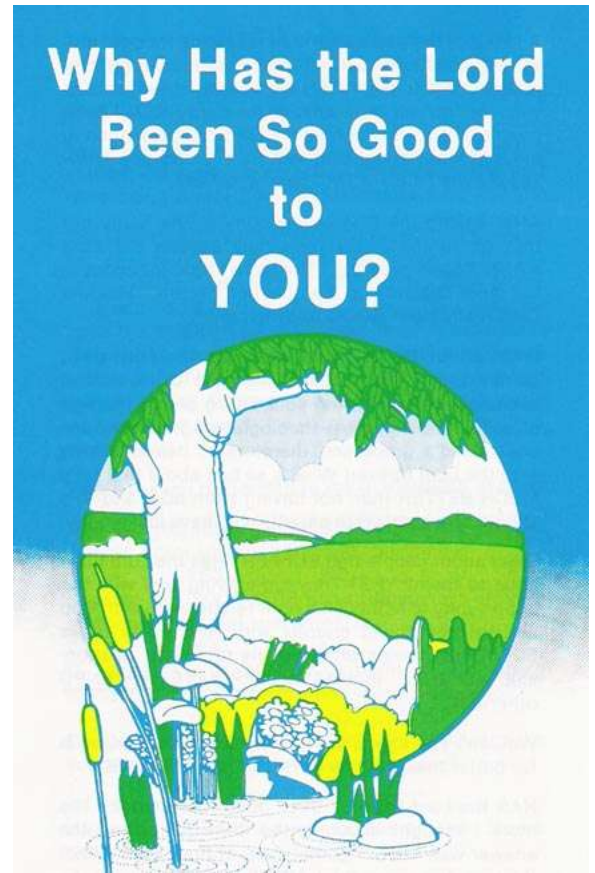
The Bible says, **“For the wages of sin is death; but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”** (Romans 6:23). We all deserve death, eternal separation from God forever in the lake of fire for our sins.

But His GOODNESS and love has provided payment for our sins through the death of Christ. God offers us salvation as a **GIFT** to be received by faith (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

We must believe (trust, depend, rely) on Christ's death **ALONE** as the **TOTAL** payment for our sins. **Have you done that yet?**

I do admit I have sinned and need Christ as my personal Savior. I do acknowledge the GOODNESS of God in my life and hereby place my TRUST in Jesus Christ ALONE and 100% for my salvation.
Date _____ Signed _____

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A friend of mine had a habit of repeating thought provoking questions until it really gets through. One time he said to me, "*The Lord sure has been good to you... but do you know anyone the Lord has not been good to?*" I quickly agreed the Lord has been good to me, but what about that last part... "*Do you know anyone the Lord has not been good to?*"

What about BABIES who die? Has the Lord been good to them? **YES!** He allowed them to be born and become an eternal living soul. Dying before the age of accountability, most theologians agree, babies are under God's grace and therefore in Heaven. **What's so bad about that?** It's much better than not having been born and this should be a comfort to parents who have lost a baby.

What about people who SUFFER? Has the Lord been good to them? **YES!** Many times SUFFERING helps bring people to a right relationship with the Lord that may never have happened otherwise.

The Bible, God's Word says, "***The Lord is good to ALL: and His tender mercies are over all His works***" (*Psalms 145:9*). All people, whether good or evil, reap benefits from God. For example, He brings the daily sunrise and necessary rain for their food (*Matthew 5:45*).

The **GOODNESS** of God is intended to bring people to a change of heart and mind about God. (*Romans 2:4*) We SHOULD acknowledge God as THE SOURCE of our daily blessings and come to Him on His terms for our salvation.

The **GOODNESS** of God may even require what some people call **TRAGEDIES** in our lives to get our attention and bring us to the Lord.

I remember leading a young man to faith in Christ in a prison in Oklahoma. The first thing out of his mouth was, "***I sure am glad I was here in prison today.***" Do you see the wisdom in his statement? Prison may have stopped his life of crime and saved his life. It also brought him to a place to understand the Gospel and trust Christ as his personal Savior.

How have you responded to the goodness of God?

A. Have you taken God's goodness for granted without acknowledging His daily blessings?

YES___ NO___

B. Must His goodness bring tragedy or suffering into your life to get your attention?

YES___ NO___

Here is the ultimate expression of God's GOODNESS TO ALL OF US...