

Our Good God Never Lets Us Down

James 1:16-18

I. The Danger Of Deceptions About God's Reputation (16)

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.

II. The Declaration Of Truths About God's Character (17)

- A. **God Is** _____ - *¹⁷Every good gift (Ps 119:68; 31:19; 33:5; Jer 31:12; Ezra 3:11)*
- B. **God Is** _____ - *and every perfect gift is from above,*
- C. **God Is** _____ - *coming down from the Father of lights,*
- D. **God Is** _____ - *with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*
(Immutable, Mal 3:6; Ps 102:26-27)

III. The Delight Of Truths About God's Salvation (18)

- A. **God Saved Us By His** _____ - *¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth (Jn 1:12-13; Eph 1:4-5; Rom 9:16)*
- B. **God Saved Us By His** _____ - *by the word of truth,*
- C. **God Saved Us To Be His Children** - *that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

Conclusion:

1. In a day where truth doesn't matter, we can find God as our reliable source of truth.
2. When life looks bad, we can find God as our reliable source of good.
3. When change is difficult, we can find God as our reliable source of stability.
4. When we are without hope, we can thank God as our reliable provider of salvation.

Discussion Questions:

1. How are we easily deceived about who God is when we go through hurtful times?
2. What emotions and/or circumstances do you battle with in recognizing that God is good? How can we recognize God's goodness through the bad times in our lives?
3. When negative changes happen in our life, how are we encouraged that God doesn't change? When life spins out of control, how are we encouraged that God is always in control?
4. How does the fact that God accomplished our salvation and spiritual birth become our ultimate hope and joy through trials?