

Faith Alive!

God's Constant Goodness

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- **1:1-4** **Spiritual Resilience**
- **1:5-8** **An Undivided Heart**
- **1:9-11** **Seeing It God's Way**
- **1:12-15** **Passing the Test**
- **1:16-18** **God's Constant Goodness**

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- **Stop being deceived – God is good (vs.16)**
 - When tempted to doubt God's goodness...
 - A warm, loving reminder
 - Don't wander from the path
 - Job 1:22
 - Job 2:9,10

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- **The goodness of all of God's gifts (vs. 17a)**
 - Every gift that God sends our way is good and nothing that comes from God is not good. Even things that we experience as bad...
 - Gen 50:20 Rom 8:28
 - Acts 2:22,23
 - Phil 1:29

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*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As thou has been, thou forever will be!*

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*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

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*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

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 - II Cor 5:21

He (God) made Him (Christ) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we (who come to faith in Christ) might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come

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 - John 3:3-8, 16
 - You must be born again...

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 - “First fruits” – new life now is but a foretaste of what awaits us: the best and fullest is yet to come. Home! Home at last where we belong!

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Your Response?

- I do affirm God's constant goodness – no matter what...
- I do respond to God's gift of life, now and forever...