

**The 1689 Confession of Faith; Chapter 2 – “Of God and the Holy Trinity”,
Message # 32 – “Good and Upright is the Lord”, Presented in the Adult Sunday
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Chapter 2 – Of God and the Holy Trinity, Paragraph 1 -

The Lord our God is but (a)one only living and true God; whose (b)subsistence is in and of Himself, (c)infinite in being and perfection; whose essence cannot be comprehended by any but Himself; (d)a most pure spirit, (e) invisible, without body, parts, or passions, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; who is (f)immutable, (g)immense, (h)eternal, incomprehensible, (i)almighty, every way infinite, (k)most holy, most wise, most free, most absolute; (l)working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, (m)for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; (n)the rewarder of them that diligently seek him, and withal most just (o)and terrible in his judgments, (p)hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the (q)guilty.

a 1st Corinthians 8: 4 and 6; Deuteronomy 6: 4; b Jeremiah 10: 10; Isa 48: 12; c Exodus 3: 14; d John 4: 24; e 1st Timothy 1: 17; Deut. 4: 15-16; f Malachi 3:6; g 1st Kings 8: 27; Jeremiah 23: 23; h Psalm 90: 2; j Genesis 17: 1; k Isa 6: 3; l Psalm 115: 3; Isa 46: 10; m Pro 16: 4; Rom 11: 36; n Exodus 34: 6-7; Hebrews 11:6; o Nehemiah 9: 32-33; p Psalm 5: 5-6; q Exodus 34:7; Nahum 1: 2-3

Psalm 86: 5 – “For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.”

Last Sunday I began our study on God’s Goodness by showing you that God is essentially good in His Essence and Being; that all that He does is good. He is the fountain of all goodness, and we should every day consider the fact that He studies all of His creatures and especially His highest creation Man, whom He created in His own image and likeness, to do them good. How does God do good to all men? In a providential way He order all things to bless them with common grace in giving them food and satisfying their hearts with many good earthly things. And He shows Special and Saving grace to His elect people, choosing to savingly reveal Himself to them. He reveals to them the glory of the Father, the Son , and the Holy Spirit, the glory of Christ’s Person, and what He has done for sinners to procure for them the blessings of eternal life. Today we want to look the truth that our God is good and upright and He teaches sinners in the way – His way.

1. God’s Great Goodness is shown in His willingness to save sinners and teach sinners His way.

Psalm 25: 4-14 – “Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness’ sake, O LORD. Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way. All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great. Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth. The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.”

2nd Thessalonians 1: 11 and 12 – “Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”