

God Created Good

By Travis Main

“In the beginning, God created the heaven and earth.” Within days, God would make mankind. Man did not know good from evil, but he did know what God had commanded him to do and what not to do. God declared what He had created was good. When a child is still in the womb, the apostle Paul directed by the Spirit of God declares a child has *“done nothing either good or bad”* (Romans 9:11). The prophet Ezekiel proclaims the Word of God in Ezekiel 28:15 declaring the king of Tyre was blameless in his ways from the day he was created (all children are). Ezekiel 18:20 teaches that a son does not inherit the sins of his father. Finally, Matthew 18:3 *“...Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”* Men are encouraged to be like children, because Children are good and innocent, not sinful. All the above being presented, when someone living a life contrary to the pattern established by scripture makes the statement “God made me this way”, what is to be made of it?

Micah 6:8 *“He has told you, o man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humble with your God?”* Walking humbly with God, is when someone avoids living a lifestyle identified as sinful in the eyes of God. God created man good, so when man does something evil, it is their own choice. James 1:14-15 *“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”* Making the choice to sin is what all mankind apart from Jesus has done. Romans 3:23 *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”*. However, though a person chooses to sin, they can also choose to walk in righteousness instead of sin. Sin does not have to become an individual’s way of life. God did not make man that way. The idea God made man sinful is completely false.

Today, our society rightly teaches a person that they have the choice to engage in homosexuality, have sex with someone to whom they are not married, commit adultery, engage in watching pornography, drink alcohol, use marijuana and other drugs socially, dress immodestly, pretend they are not their biological sex, gossip, cheat, be unkind, be dishonorable to their parents, lie, disobey law, create their own morality, and so much more. Television, radio, the internet, universities, high schools, elementary schools, government officials, and the world around them screams “Your body! Your choice!” Yes, they are right. God gives man the choice to obey Him in righteousness or to commit sin against God and man to their own destruction. Acts 17:30-31 *“... And the times of this ignorance God winked at but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness...”* 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 *“And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”* This is the end result of the choices the world is encouraging you to make.

You are lying to yourself if you think God made you to engage in sin. In fact, *“...we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”* The good God wants us to walk in is characterized by *“love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, [and] self-control”*. This is what God has created you to represent. God created you in His image. Jesus was the *“exact imprint”* of the nature of God. He taught that those who saw Him, had seen the Father. If he was the image of God, and He was sinless, then that is exactly how you were created. If you are engaged in sin, break free from that captivity. Return to the abundant life of purity God created you to fulfill.

Things you should know about...

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. Our last contribution was \$1,050.00. If you want to contribute, mark it as “DRF” or give the money to Jason.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Rhonda Gaynor 1/15 | Asha Strangle 1/23 |
| Macy Bang 1/17 | Jamie Robinson 1/23 |
| Gage Thompson 1/17 | Lena Durst 1/26 |

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Potluck Sunday February 12th after morning services.

Please let us know what you plan to bring using the sign up sheet on the back table.

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Men’s Meeting January 21st @ 9am

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Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	January 15, 2023 AM	January 15, 2023 PM	January 22, 2023 AM
Greeter	Dustin Desarro	Jerry Thompson	Tom Muter
Announcements	Tom Muter	Tim Bang	Owen Whittington
Song Leading	Owen Whittington	Jason Bang	Jason Bang
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Tim Bang	Tom Muter	Owen Whittington
Lord's Supper Comments	Jerry Thompson	Owen Whittington	Tim Bang
Scripture Reading	Chris McGiffin	Brennan Arrell	Jerry Thompson
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Jason Bang	Tim Bang	Tom Muter



"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children with wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

Lord's Supper Reflection

To Learn Obedience and Be made Perfect who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek,..." Hebrews 5:7-10

Offering Meditation

Your Gift to God helps Support the Poor For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem." Romans 15:26

Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - Parkinson's
- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health
- *Pam Illinik (Amie Allen's mom) - health
- *Carter Buckingham - recovering from back surgery
- *Sally Westover (Carrie Thompson's mom) - recovering from a fall and other health concerns
- *Cory Clark (Lois Ferris' son) - recovering from a kidney transplant
- *Kenny Rummel (family of Lois Ferris) - dealing with Parkinson's
- *Marjorie Seiber - recovering from surgery
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - having issues with her vision
- *Steve Kemp (Duane Kemp's cousin) - had blood clot in his lungs
- *Josh & Rachel Bang (family of Tim/Jason Bang) - stability and guidance for things their family is dealing with
- *Clara Bell Schafer (Resident @ Oakley Place) - issues with her vision
- *Molly Greg (friend of the McGiffin's) - needing a liver transplant, is on the list

How can we be praying for YOU?

Please call John or email him at jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.

Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, January 8

Bible Classes 33
AM Attendance 36
PM Attendance 18

Wednesday, January 11

Bible Classes 29
Contribution \$1,687.00

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



January 15, 2023

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.