## Responding To The Goodness of God

Light. "God saw that it was good."

Water "God saw that it was good."

Plants and Animals.

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Man. "God saw that it was very good."

- 1. Marital unity is harmed (3:16)
- 2. The earth will cause pain (3:17)
- 3. Death enters the world (3:19)
- 4. Man becomes violent (4:8)
- 5. Sinful desires begin at birth (Romans 5:12)

(9) In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (16) And the Lord God commanded the man... (17)...you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

(12)...sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people,

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(25) Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?

(23)...the wages of sin is death

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He is good.
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He is exceedingly good.
He forgives those
who do evil.

(25) He presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement through the shedding of His blood

Through the the cross, sin

is judged and sinners are

set free.

(22) He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.

(23) So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden ..... (24) he placed on the east side of the Garden ...a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

#### Revelation 22

(1) Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb (2) down the middle of the great street of the city.

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On each side of the river stood the tree of life...And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

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(14) "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city

# Receive

#### Matthew 7

(11) If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!



#### Luke 11

(13) If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

# Repent

# Sin = forgetting the goodness of God

(2) Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

(3) who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

(4) who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

(5) who satisfies your desires with good things

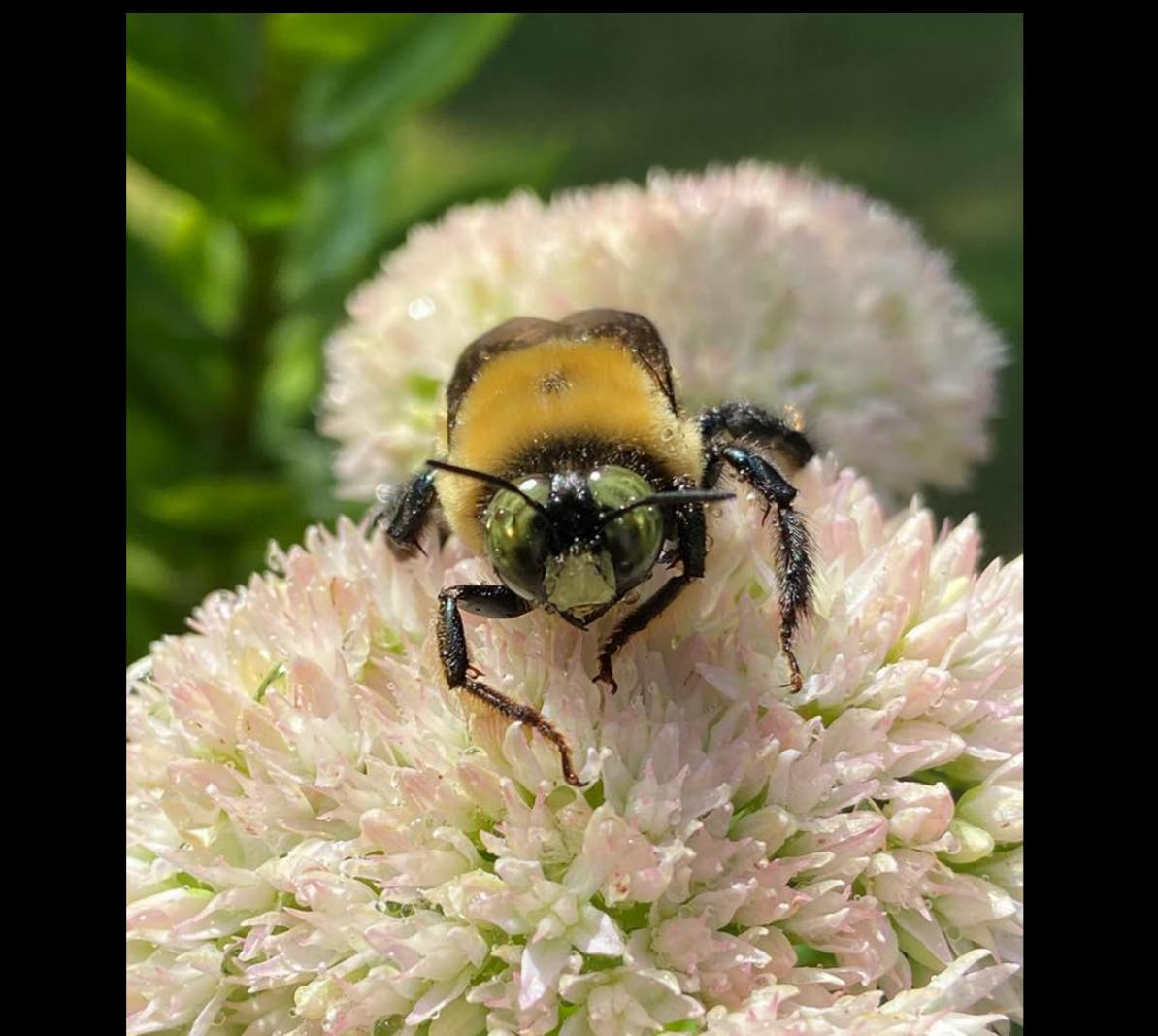
# Sin = using God's good gifts for evil purposes

(4)...the kindness of God leads you to repentance

# Contemplate

(5) Those who look to him are radiant;

(8) Taste and see that the Lord is good;



Instead of going to the dark side lamenting the state of our situation or blasting out on social media or even living life in fear, I'm looking for God's moments of WOW, singing off key to my favorite tunes, breathing fresh air and thanking God for all I have. Today is a good day.

## Trust











## Matthew 10

(30) Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care...(31) So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

## Song

I am tenderly cradled in freefall.

I have learned that even in prison

I can be free.

- Kayla Mueller

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