

## **JON'S SERMON OUTLINE....**

### **THE BENEFITS OF BEING GOOD**

*<sup>17</sup> And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. <sup>20</sup> He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you <sup>21</sup> who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.*

1 Peter 1:17-23

Introduction: Because God created us in His image, we were born to be good. Some people are even better at it than others. Yet, there's also a part of us that sometimes doesn't feel like being good. In a world where evil seems to prevail, it helps us to remember that there are some advantages to being good. So, let's consider the benefits:

1. IT \_\_\_\_\_ THE DOOR TO GOD'S BLESSINGS:
  - a. As our Father, God wants to reward us (1 Peter 1:17a).
  - b. As our Judge, God will need to punish us (1 Peter 1:17b).
  - c. Our works will be a factor in how God treats us.
2. IT \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD'S GOODNESS:
  - a. Our lack of goodness separates us from God (1:18).
  - b. Our perfect Savior brought us back to God (1:19).
  - c. Our faith response puts us in Christ (Acts 2:38).
3. IT \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S GOODNESS TO OTHERS:
  - a. The goodness begins inside you (1:22).
  - b. This involves your justification and sanctification.
  - c. This makes the world a better place.

CONCLUSION: Do you realize how good it is to be good?

Answers:     1. Opens     2. Responds     3. Spreads