

## **FUTURE CHURCH: GOOD OR GOD?**

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### **Hebrews 5:14 NKJ**

*...who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

### **1 Kings 3:9 NKJ**

*Give to Your servant an understanding heart...that I may discern between good and evil...*

### **Matthew 16:23 NLT**

*"... You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."*

### **Mark 10:18 NKJ**

*"Why call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God."*

### **Genesis 3:6 NKJ**

*When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate...*

### **Proverbs 14:12 NKJ**

*There is a way that seems right (good) to a man, but its end is the way of death.*

### **James 1:16-17 NKJ**

*Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*

### **James' words simplified:**

*"There is nothing good for you outside of God."*

### **2 Timothy 3:16 NLT**

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true (good) and to make us realize what is wrong (bad) in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong (bad) and teaches us to do what is right (good).*

**Proverbs 12:1 NKJV**

**...he who hates correction is stupid.**

**Science Speaks by Peter Stoner:**

- Christ is to be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
- Christ is to be preceded by a Messenger (Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1)
- Christ is to enter Jerusalem on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9)
- Christ is to be betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9; 55:12-14)
- Christ is to be sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12)
- The money for which the Christ is sold is to be thrown “to the potter” in God’s house (Zechariah 11:13)
- Christ is to be silent before His accusers (Isaiah 53:7)
- Christ is to be executed by crucifixion as a thief (Psalm 22:16; Zechariah 12:10; Isaiah 53:5)
- “The chance any one man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all 8 prophecies is 1 in  $10^{17}$ .” - Peter Stoner
  - (1 in  $10^{17}$  is 100,000,000,000,000,000)
- “The chance that any one man would fulfill all sixteen is 1 in  $10^{45}$ .” - Peter Stoner

- “The chance that any one man fulfilled 48 prophecies is 1 in 10<sup>157</sup>.” - Peter Stoner

### **Hebrews 2:1 NLT**

*We must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.*

### **Romans 12:2 NKJ**

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

### **Hebrews 12:14 NKJ**

*Pursue...holiness, without which no one will see the Lord...*

**Pursue** (def): “Chase after with the intent to apprehend.”

### **Ephesians 1:4 NKJ**

*...He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him...*

### **1 Peter 1:14-15 AMPC**

*[Live] as children of obedience [to God]; do not conform yourselves to the evil desires [that governed you] in your former ignorance [when you did not know the requirements of the Gospel]. But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct and manner of living.*

### **Hebrews 12:14-15 NKJ**

*Pursue...holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God...*

### **2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV**

*“My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness (your human inability).”*

### **2 Peter 1:2-3 NKJ & NIV**

*Grace...be multiplied to you...as His divine power has given to us everything we need for a godly life.*

**My Definition of Grace:**

God's unmerited empowerment that gives us the ability to go beyond our natural ability.

**Hebrews 12:14-15 & 28 NKJ**

*Pursue...holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God...Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably...*

**1 Corinthians 6:9-10 NLT**

*Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people – none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.*

**Hebrews 12:14 NKJ**

*Pursue...holiness, without which no one will see the Lord...*

**John 14:21 AMPC**

*"The person who has My commands and keeps them is the one who [really] loves Me...and I [too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him. [I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him.]"*