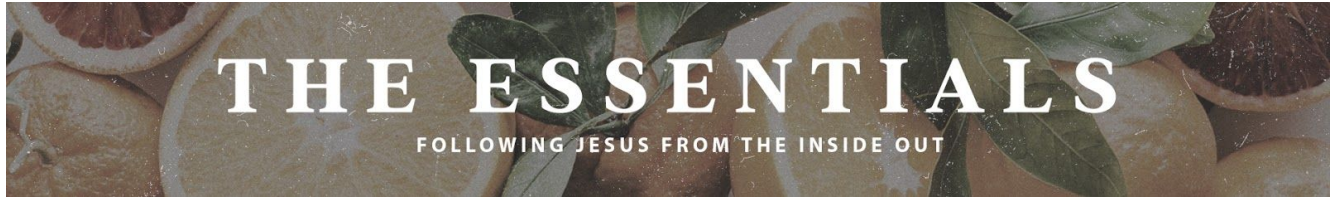


# BEYOND SUNDAY: November 8, 2020

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Series Page: [wearepcc.com/theessentials](http://wearepcc.com/theessentials)

Message: Goodness

The Essentials 9-week series will focus on what it means to reflect the character of Jesus. Each week we will wrestle with one of the essential characteristics of Jesus with the hope of it bearing fruit in our lives as we become more dependent on the Spirit to lead us. This week our focus is on the sixth fruit of the Spirit - goodness.

## #1

In his message on Sunday, Gary Gaddini, our lead pastor, talked about one of the most famous paintings in history: [Starry Night by Van Gogh](#). What stands out to you and how does this relate to our series, The Essentials? Where is the light of Christ shining through you and in what area have you gone dark?

## #2

Gary defined **biblical goodness as generous, kindhearted acts for the benefit of others that brings restoration and confronts evil**. How does [Micah 6:8](#) relate to this definition? What is the cultural counterfeit of goodness?

## #3

Biblical goodness isn't always easy or convenient. Christopher J. H. Wright says in [Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit](#), that a good man or woman resists the temptation to find a way out of doing good. He says, *"Nearly always there is an alternative option available. But the good choice is the right choice even when it's the hard one."* Jesus could have deviated from the will of the Father repeatedly, but instead demonstrated goodness and integrity. Test your Bible knowledge and list some of those situations. See [Matthew 4:1-11](#) and [Mark 14:32-42](#) for two examples.

## #4

On the cross, by demonstrating goodness and integrity, Jesus provided the way for mankind to be restored to The Father. Fill in the blank: \_\_\_\_\_ and restoration to the Father comes through no other. See [Acts 4:12](#). When we are illuminating the light of the Holy Spirit, we will want to restore what is broken in our world. Where and how is the Holy Spirit prompting you to bring restoration in our broken world?

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## #5

According to Pastor Gary, if we align with the goodness of God, we should confront evil **in a Godly way**. It might be easy to become complacent or passive and not want to rock the boat, especially in our world of brokenness and evil. Since the election many people are taking it upon themselves to speak out in many forms. How will your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, and the world in general hear and see you confront evil with goodness? How do the following verses encourage us? [Romans 12:21](#), [Galatians 6:9](#), [Matthew 5:14-16](#) and [Ephesians 4:29](#).

## #6

In the book [Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit](#) the author wrote, *“If God is utterly good, then it’s not surprising that people who live close to God reflect his character and are marked by this same quality.”* This week how will you depend on God for goodness to bear fruit in you?

### Series Daily Prayer:



**THE ESSENTIALS**  
FOLLOWING JESUS FROM THE INSIDE OUT

### John Stott's Morning Prayer

Good morning Heavenly Father, Good morning Lord Jesus, Good morning Holy Spirit.  
Father, I worship you as the Creator and sustainer of the universe.  
Lord Jesus, I worship you as Lord and Saviour of this world.  
Holy Spirit, I worship you as the sanctifier of the people of God.  
Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
Heavenly Father, I pray that today I might walk in your presence and please you more and more.  
Lord Jesus, I pray that today I might take up my cross and follow you.  
Holy Spirit, I pray that you might fill me today with your presence and cause your fruit to ripen within me: [love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control](#).  
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity; three persons in one God, have mercy on me. Amen

John Stott (1921-2011), evangelist and scholar

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### Actions or Resources:

- Memorize the Fruit of the Spirit: [Galatians 5:22-23](#).
- Read Chapter 7 (Faithfulness): [Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit](#), by Christopher J.H. Wright.
- Join a 9-Week Group: [Cultivating The Essentials](#) for Men, Women, or Coed.
- Join a [House Church](#).