

## Un-deceived James 1:16-20

Deceit goes down to defeat as we embrace the truth that God is good...  
always has been, always will be!

### Beware Deceit

*John 8:44*

"[The devil] was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

*Sun Tzu, The Art of War (~ 500 BC)*

"All warfare is based on deception. Hence, when able to attack, we must seem unable; when using our forces, we must seem inactive; when we are near, we must make the enemy believe we are far away; when far away, we must make him believe we are near. Hold out baits to entice the enemy. Feign disorder, and crush him."

Genesis 3

*Isaiah 30:9–10*

"... a rebellious people [says] ...to the prophets, 'You must not prophesy to us what is right, speak to us pleasant words, prophesy illusions.'"

### Believe Truth

1. Everything good comes from God

*Acts 14:17*

"...[God] did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

*Psalms 34:8*

Taste and see  
that the Lord is good!

*Matthew 7:9–11*

"Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!"

2. God's goodness is unchanging

*Malachi 3:6*

"For I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed."

3. In goodness God regenerates

*1 Peter 1:23*

...for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

“Regeneration is the act of the Holy Spirit whereby He imparts eternal life into a person....”

*Salvation and Sovereignty*, Kenneth Keathley

### **Be Patient**

1. Quick to hear
2. Slow to speak
3. Slow to anger

Man's anger can't achieve God's justice

### **Application**

- Receive God's Goodness
- Rest in God's Goodness