

# It's Not Bad, Just Different

## Sunday message from October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### ~ Notes & Reflections ~

- **Genesis 1.31: “God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.”**
  - ❖ Read [Genesis 1.1-31](#) (try a different version than you usually read to keep it fresh). What stands out to you? What is the significance of God’s statement in verse 31? To what part of creation does it refer?
- **Just because we don’t know what good something is doesn’t mean it isn’t good.**
  - ❖ Take a moment to reflect on this statement. How does it sit with you? What thoughts, emotions, questions, life situations, etc. surface?
  - ❖ What would change if you received the “very good” of God over yourself, others, your life?
- **Diversity (non-uniformity) was God’s plan all along.**
  - ❖ How do you see this in creation? How do you see it in other ways?
- **God’s world is not only diverse, it is complete. There is beauty in the whole (completeness) of God’s creation.**
  - ❖ Read [Psalm 19.1-4](#), [2 Peter 1.3](#). What do these passages reveal about beauty in diversity and “completeness”?
- **We all bear God’s image, making us much the same in some ways and treated equally by Him.**
  - ❖ Read [Genesis 1.26-27](#), [1 Corinthians 15.45-49](#). What do these passages say about the image of God? What are the implications of bearing the image of God—for us, for others?
  - ❖ Read [Acts 10.34-35](#). What does this passage say about how God responds to the diversity?
- **We all are much the same in some ways yet very different in other ways.**
  - ❖ Read [1 Corinthians 12.1-11](#) and [Romans 12.3-8](#). What are some ways God has made us different?
- **If you are a child of God, you have a gift** (see Rom 12.6, 1 Cor 12.7 & 11).
  - ❖ What might your part be? Take a moment to reflect on the Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12 passages, remembering that these “lists” are not comprehensive.
  - ❖ Discovering your part/gift may mean serving in several different areas. What might your next step in service/discovery be?
- **God has given you what you need to do your part.**
- **God has given YOU to His body, the church, to do YOUR part in the “body of Christ.” Together WE are complete.**
  - ❖ How do you see yourself in this statement? In what ways do you see yourself as a part of the larger body?
  - ❖ What might be keeping you from fully living into your role in the body? Take some time before God with this question. What might God be saying to you?
  - ❖ Is there someone that may need encouragement and support to live into their role in the body? What might it look like for you to support them?
  - ❖ Read [Matthew 6.9-10](#), [Luke 17.20-21](#). How does the truth of the kingdom impact how you live into your role and support others to live into theirs?
- What statements or aspects of this message bring comfort? Which bring conviction? Take some time to talk to God about what bubbles up as you read/hear and reflect on this message.
- What might God be inviting you into as a response to this message/reflection on diversity in the body of Christ?