

Signs of the Caring and Committed  
**#34: Glued to Goodness**  
**Romans 12:9c**

**“...Cling to what is good.”**

**Romans 12:9c (NASB)**

**What can we as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christians take from the words “cling to what is good?”**

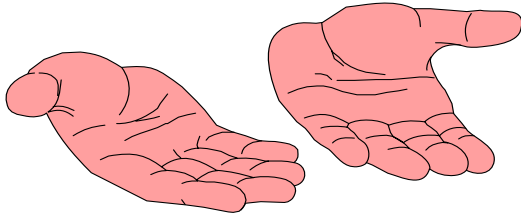
**The New Testament concept of “clinging” or “cleaving” to goodness carries the meaning of being fastened together, being cemented, or glued to good habits and/or good people. An association with goodness will garner desirable results. "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty." Matt 13:23.**

**Within the context of Romans 12, Paul told the Romans saints to abhor evil, and to “glue” or “cement” themselves to things that are good. We see this concept followed all the time in our everyday lives. Take for instance, our diet. Our dietitians would be thrilled if we selected Sweet’ N ’Low over sugar, adopted Mrs. Dash in place of salt, and liked low fat choices better than high fat options. Our doctors would prefer our fancying baked chicken as a substitute for fried, wishing for diet soda over regular, and converting from regular coffee to decaffeinated.**

**Just as we develop a liking for our new dietary choices, a similar process applies to our Christianity. Matthew 5:6 says, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” In the spirit of this passage, we have to fill the void of evil with those things which are good and healthy for the soul. It is a tremendous spiritual victory when we replace each sinful friend for a Christian, each vice for a deed of edification or benevolence, and each vulgar or profane word for words seasoned with salt. It is a mark of progress to exchange club time for church service or thug life for Christianity.**

**Which of these or other spiritual choices do you need to glue yourself to?**

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**Each time we “glue” ourselves to the right choices, we follow the advice of Christ: “But only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.” Luke 10:42**

**With Care and Commitment,**

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