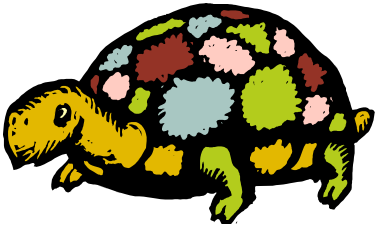
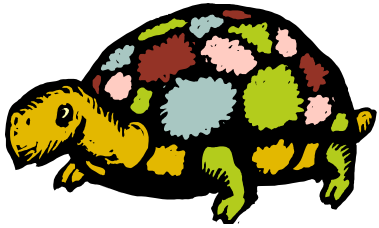


God's
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God's Goodness Toward Us

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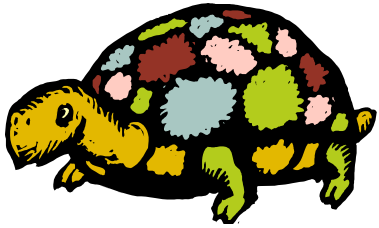
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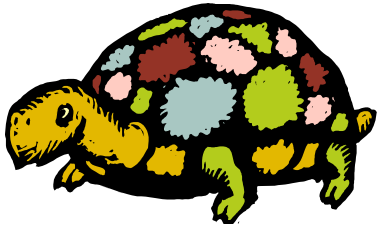
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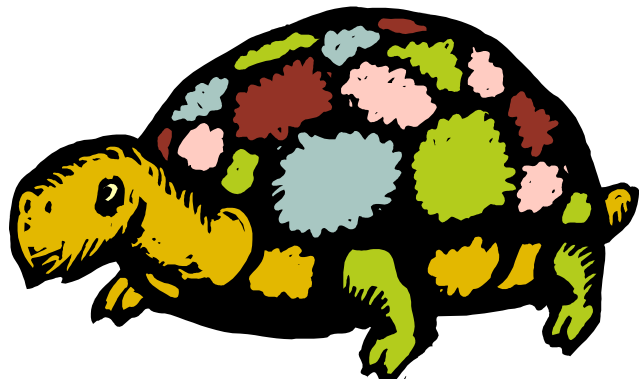
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God's Goodness Toward Us

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 - II Thess. 1:10-12 – God brings about good through us to the glory of Christ
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God's Goodness Toward Us

God's goodness
(*chrestotes*) is conditional
upon obedience –
Rom. 11:22

The fruit of the Spirit
produces kindness, as
well as the moral quality
that seeks to help others
– Gal. 5:22