

“GOD CANNOT BE LOVING SINCE THERE IS EVIL IN THE WORLD”

Isaiah 45:5-7

At least once in life, nearly everyone asks, “*If God is a God of love, how can He allow evil to exist and create havoc in our lives?*” One writer called that “*the question mark that turns like a fishhook in the human heart.*” Today, we turn our attention to one of the most perplexing questions of life and discover five answers from Scripture that help us understand the problem of evil.

- The presence of evil reminds me of ...

1. **THE GRIP OF SIN ON THE WORLD**

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.” Romans 5:12

“Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know. There is no fear of God before their eyes.” Romans 3:14-18

“We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.” Romans 8:22

2. **THE GRACE OF GOD TOWARD US**

“He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9b

3. **THE GRANDEUR OF WHAT’S AHEAD**

“God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.” Genesis 1:31

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Revelation 21:4

4. **THE GENIUS OF THE CROSS**

“Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.” Ephesians 2:13

“...Through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.” Colossians 1:20

5. **THE GLORY OF THE CHURCH!**

“His intent was that now, through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms according to His eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Ephesians 3:10-11

CONCLUSION

- God’s answer to evil in the world and in my life is Jesus!

PRIMARY RESOURCES USED FOR THIS SERMON INCLUDE:

“Why Is There Pain and Suffering in the World?” by Ray Prichard

“Why Is There Suffering?” by Sid Litke

“Why Is There Evil and Suffering?” by Nate Atwood

“The Problem of Evil” by James Joiner