

## Faqs- Evil and Suffering?

- I. A Theology on Evil and Suffering (Not exhaustive)
  - a. Evil and suffering happens because we do bad things. Romans 6:23; James 1:15
  - b. Evil and suffering happens because you live in a sin stained world. John 16:33
  - c. God Cares- Psalm 56:8,10-11
    - i. God isn't passive about evil. He responds to rescue you from it Matthew 18:6; .
      1. He has been actively pursuing you. Romans 5:8
      2. He has given his holy spirit to comfort and strengthen you. John 14:16
      3. He makes intercession for you Hebrews 7:25 Hebrews 4:15-16
      4. He will return and make all things right. Romans 8:28; 9:22-24
  - d. God is not the author of evil, but He is the end to evil. Rev 21:4
  - e. Your suffering will not be in vein. Romans 8:28; Genesis 5:20; James 1:2-4
  - f. Thankfully God is not fair. 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:9
- II. Questions about Evil and suffering?
  - a. Why does God allow evil to exist? 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:9 Romans 8:28
  - b. Does God Care- YES!!!! 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 8:37-39
  - c. Why did God make Adam and Eve if he knew they would sin?
    - i. God wanted a creature in his image. His image is one of love. Love gives us the freedom to respond or reject that which we love.
    - ii. He is sovereign and he will get the glory. Romans 9:22-24
- III. A practical response to suffering.
  - a. When Someone Goes through a Hard time they don't want your theology on suffering
  - b. Two important truths people need to know in suffering:
    - i. #1 They need to know- Somebody Cares- Romans 12:15; Job 42:7-8
    - ii. #2 They need to know- Everything is going to be okay