

## WHY DOES GOD ALLOW EVIL? PART 2

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Issue — If God is all good **and** all powerful, why is there evil in the world?

### 1. Why did God create evil in this world?

- He didn't! God created everything good. (Genesis 1:1-31)
- Sin, suffering and death are a result of the fall of man (Romans 5:12)

### 2. Why did God give mankind the opportunity to choose evil?

- Freedom to choose to return love, or not to return it, is the foundation for a quality relationship.
- Without free will we would be less than human.

### 3. Why did God create this world knowing evil would result?

God must have believed the good that would result from creation was worth putting up with the evil.

### 4. Why hasn't God put an end to evil?

- To remove all evil from the world, God would have to wipe out the human race. (2 Peter 3:9)
- To remove all evil from the world, God would have to eliminate free will.

Revelation 21:3-4

### 5. Why doesn't God at least stop \_\_\_\_\_ of the evil?

- God \_\_\_\_\_ stop or limit much that is evil.
- Because He is \_\_\_\_\_, God will not arbitrarily stop one \_\_\_\_\_ without stopping all.
- God is working toward a complete restoration of relationship with Him and a final, complete \_\_\_\_\_ of evil, while at the same time preserving \_\_\_\_\_.

### 6. What about all the evil that has been done in God's \_\_\_\_\_?

Just because people have done evil while claiming to \_\_\_\_\_ God or His church, does not mean that \_\_\_\_\_ authorized or condoned it. In fact, they did it in opposition to His \_\_\_\_\_.

### How should we respond to the existence of evil?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ that God is doing what He can (within His plan and self-imposed restraints) to eliminate and limit evil at this time. (Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 11:33)
2. Know that evil brings \_\_\_\_\_ to God's heart. (Psalm 78:40; Ezekiel 33:11)
3. Know that God will \_\_\_\_\_ evil justly. (Isaiah 13:11; Proverbs 11:21)
4. Understand that God can use evil to bring about \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 8:28)
5. Do \_\_\_\_\_ part to eliminate and limit evil.