

Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

1. God is Not the Creator of Pain and Suffering

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

—Genesis 1:31

For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

—Romans 8:20-22

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

—Romans 3:23

They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.

—Romans 1:29:31

2. God is Not Punishing You with Pain and Suffering

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

—Romans 8:1

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

—John 9:1-3

3. God Can Overrule Pain and Suffering and Use it to Accomplish Good

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

—Romans 8:28

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

—Genesis 50:20

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

—John 16:33

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

—Psalm 34:18

4. God Will Eradicate all Pain and Suffering

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. '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 21:1-4

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

—2 Peter 3:9

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

—2 Corinthians 4:17