

The Parchment

Studies for making fully devoted followers of Christ



Why Does God Allow Evil

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Ephesians 3:14-21
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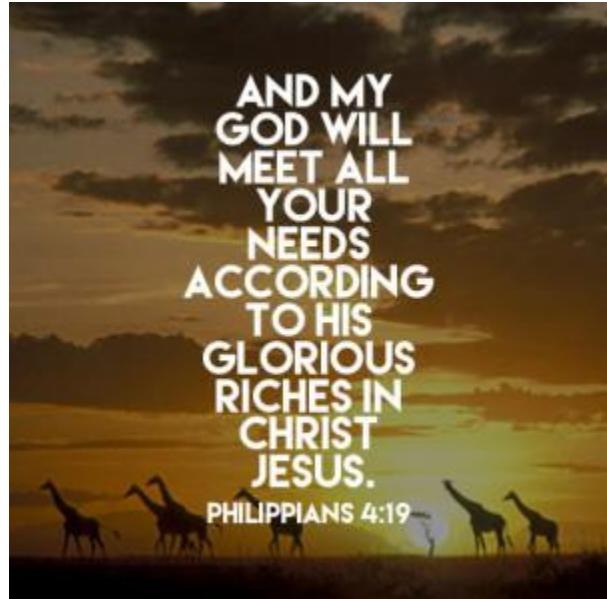
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Using This Study

This study is designed to be used as part of our Sunday morning worship at CLBC.

Most of the questions will be talked about during our 9:45 Worship service. We will then have follow up time in small groups at 11:00.

If you would like to use this as a bible study starting point you can record your answers to the questions on Sunday morning and keep them for further study.



This week we will tackle one of the questions that many people struggle with when they think about God. Christianity says that God is all powerful and in control of everything. It also says that God is a good and loving God. Many people look at those two and then look at all the evil and suffering in the world and think that these cannot all be true at the same time. How can God be good and loving and all powerful and not do anything about the evil and suffering. People that only look at the surface would say if He is good He will eliminate the suffering. However, there is more to this question. This week we will talk about the proof that God is good and loving and that God is also all powerful. God is both and there is more purpose for this world than the atheist will ever understand.

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NASB)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹ to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

CLBC Community Group Questions:

1. Where does the Bible say God is all powerful?

2. Is it possible that God has a good reason for allowing evil?

3. Could we know the extent of God's goodness without ever knowing any evil?

4. Could we know the extent of true evil if all we knew was God's goodness?

5. Have you ever seen good things come out of suffering? What are some examples?

6. Has God offered us a way out of the evil and suffering?

7. Can God be all powerful and good and still allow suffering? Explain.

Other Notes: