

If God Is Good Why Is the World So Broken

Genesis 1:31; Romans 5:12; Romans 8:20–22

Does the brokenness of the world disprove a good and all-powerful God? Christianity addresses both the question of evil and the pain of suffering.

Listen with compassion. Someone asking “Why?” may first need us to weep with them (Romans 12:15).

1 This is not the world God _____

- God called His creation “very good” (Genesis 1:31). The world’s present brokenness is not its original condition.
- Humanity rebelled. Sin entered the world, and death through sin (Genesis 3; Romans 5:12).
- Creation itself groans beneath the consequences of the Fall (Romans 8:20–22). This brokenness extends beyond individual human choices.

Important distinction: Not every instance of suffering is punishment for a particular personal sin. We live in a world corrupted by sin.

2 People capable of genuine _____

God created people capable of loving, worshiping, relating, and obeying. The capacity to choose includes the possibility of choosing wrongly. Humanity chose rebellion.

3 Evil makes no more sense without _____

Calling something objectively evil means more than “I dislike it.” It appeals to a standard of what ought to be. Every worldview must account for that standard.

Christianity grounds good and evil in the character of a holy and good God, rather than personal preference, majority vote, or culture.

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4 God did not remain _____

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...” — John 1:14

Jesus entered our broken world. He experienced hunger, weariness, grief, rejection, betrayal, injustice, physical suffering, and death.

5 The _____ brings redemptive good through evil

Acts 2:23 holds two realities together: people acted with “wicked hands,” and God accomplished His redemptive purpose through His counsel and foreknowledge.

- The evil committed against Jesus remained genuinely evil.
- God was not defeated at Calvary. He accomplished redemption.
- The cross does not explain every individual tragedy, but gives us reason to trust God when we do not understand.

6 Brokenness does not get the final _____

Creation — God made it good.

Fall — Sin wrecked what God made.

Redemption — Christ defeated sin through the cross and resurrection.

Restoration — God will make all things new.

Revelation 21:3–5 promises God’s presence and the removal of death, sorrow, crying, and pain. Suffering will not win.

Can I trust God when my world hurts?

When I cannot understand what God is doing, I can still trust who God is. A broken world does not mean we have a broken God.

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