

# QUESTIONS

Christians hope no one will ask

**How can a good God allow so much pain, evil, and suffering?**

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**1. Jesus predicted \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"In the world you will have tribulation." John 16:33a (ESV)*

*"But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33b (ESV)*

**2. Humans cause most of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*(Moral Evil)*

*The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Genesis 6:5 (ESV)*

**3. The world we live in is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*(Natural Evil)*

*"Cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you..." Genesis 3:17-18 (ESV)*

**4. God will \_\_\_\_\_ evil.**

*"The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..." Exodus 34:6-7 (ESV)*

*But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Psalm 86:15 (ESV)*

*The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)*

**5. God \_\_\_\_\_ with us.**

*Though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:6-8 (ESV)*

*For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. Hebrews 2:18 (ESV)*

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are... Hebrews 4:15 (ESV)*

**6. God can bring \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4 (ESV)*

*We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame. Romans 5:3-5 (ESV)*

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