

“Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?”

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1. Why is there pain and suffering?

- a. _____ part of the _____. (Gen 1:31)
- b. Man’s sin introduced _____.
(Gen 2:17; Rom 5:12)
- c. Man’s sin caused the _____.
(Gen 3:17-19)

2. What causes pain and suffering? (Apart from the fallen world)

- a. Our own actions. _____.
- b. People harming _____.

3. Why are *YOU* in pain or suffering?

- a. It may be _____ **you’ve done.**
(Job 1:1; John 9:1-3)
- b. You may feel it’s _____. (Eccl 8:11-12)
- c. _____ can tell you why, but **God knows what He’s doing.**
(Job 42:7-8; Isa 55:8-9; Rom 11:33-36)

4. Why doesn’t God fix it?

- a. He’d have to remove all _____ from the earth.
- b. He’d have to _____ on the earth. We
need a _____:
- c. It turns out, _____. (2 Pet 3:9,13; Rev 21:3-5; 22:1-3a)

5. How are we to live?

- a. Help others with the _____ effects.
- b. Share _____.
- c. Bring glory to God through your _____.
(2 Cor 12:7-10; Heb 12:1-3)

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1. Why is there pain and suffering?
 - a. **NOT part of the world's creation.** (Gen 1:31)
 - b. **Man's sin introduced death into the world.** (Gen 2:17; Rom 5:12)
 - c. **Man's sin caused the earth to be cursed.** (Gen 3:17-19)
2. What causes pain and suffering? (Apart from the fallen world)
 - a. Our own actions. **Self-inflicted.**
 - b. People harming **other people.**
3. Why are **YOU** in pain or suffering?
 - a. It may be **unrelated to anything you've done.**
(Job 1:1; John 9:1-3)
 - b. You may feel it's **unfair.** (Eccl 8:11-12)
 - c. **No one can tell you why, but God knows what He's doing.**
(Job 42:7-8; Isa 55:8-9; Rom 11:33-36)
4. Why doesn't God fix it?
 - a. He'd have to remove all **sin and sinful people** from the earth.
 - b. He'd have to **remove the curse** on the earth. We
need a **new earth.**
 - c. It turns out, **He will.** (2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:3-5; 22:1-3a; 2 Pet 3:9)
5. How are we to live?
 - a. Help others with the **physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual** effects.
 - b. Share **the gospel.**
 - c. Bring glory to God through your **steadfast faith.**
(2 Cor 12:7-10; Heb 12:1-3)