

**In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”
1 Peter 3:15.**

“How can there be a good God if there is so much evil in the world?”

RESPONSES #1: Have you ever read anything else on that topic?

RESPONSE #2: If you could, would you remove everything bad from the world?

“The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” 2 Peter 3:9

*“On this planet we are so aware of mountain peaks, and valleys, and the depths of the sea. But from outer space it is a smooth ball.” But what if from God’s perspective he is looking down on all the good things that person has done and all the bad things that I have done and there is just not that much difference?” –
Philip Yancy*

There is no such thing as a small sin. Sin always gives birth to more sin.

We say we want God to give us justice. When what we really mean is that we want justice for other people, but not for ourselves.

ASSUMPTION #1: Certain things ought not to be.

“Everyone has heard people quarreling... Quarreling means trying to show that the other man is in the wrong. And there would be no sense in doing that unless you and he had some sort of agreement as to what right and wrong are.” - C.S. Lewis, “Mere Christianity”

“Supposing you hear a cry for help from a man in danger. You will probably feel two desires- one a desire to help (due to your heard instinct) and the other a desire to keep out of danger (due to the instinct of self-preservation.) But you will find inside you in addition to these 2 impulses a third impulse, which tells you you ought to follow the impulse to help and suppress the impulse to run away.” C.S. Lewis, “Mere Christianity”

ASSUMPTION #2: I can do better.

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” 5 And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” Revelation 21:3-5

“In light of heaven, the worst suffering on earth, a life full of the most atrocious tortures on earth, will be seen to be no more serious than one night at an inconvenient hotel.” – Mother Theresa

Jesus suffered like no one else in human history to put an end to suffering once and for all.

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:4-5

God doesn’t always provide the reason for our suffering, but he always provides the resources to get us through.
