

God's Omnipotence & Goodness
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God is all-powerful

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Col. 1:15-17

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Ephesians 1:18-19

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 1:19-21

God is Good - Because God is Love

Why do you call me good?”

Jesus answered.

“No one is good—except God alone.

Luke 18:19

God is Good - Because God is Love

But God demonstrates his own love for us
in this: While we were still sinners,

Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

God is Good - Because God is Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17

**If God is all of this,
why is the world in such a mess,
and why do God's people suffer?**

Our problem is that we tend to become so accustomed to God's mercy that we have begun to think we deserve it. Then we are astonished when we suffer. Jesus says we should not be surprised at suffering; rather, we should be amazed that we do not suffer more. What is truly astonishing is that so many live without excruciating suffering.

- R.C. Sproul, part 1

Most of us wonder, “Why do I suffer so much?” Yet, do any of us ever ask, “Why is it that I suffer so little, when I deserve to suffer so much?” I am afraid most of us believe God owes us a life free of suffering and heartache. Yet, if we really understand the depth of our sinfulness, we will not be surprised by suffering, but by mercy.

- R.C. Sproul, part 2



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And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

Gen 3:15-16

To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.” *Gen 3:17-19*

**We know that we are children of God,
and that the whole world is under the
control of the evil one.**

1 John 5:19

So, what was God's answer to this "mess we have gotten ourselves into"?

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

All our our questions and doubts can be answered finally and powerfully by looking squarely at the cross.

My circumstances are not the barometer of God's love and goodness; the cross is.

God treated His Son as we deserved, so that He could treat us, as His Son deserved.

So, how does God work good from the disasters that fall on God's people?

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:3-5

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life...

Philippians 2: 14-16

**The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing
because they had been counted worthy of
suffering disgrace for the Name.**

Acts 5:41

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Romans 8:16-18

**Praise be to the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of
compassion and the God of all comfort,
who comforts us in all our troubles, so that
we can comfort those in any trouble with
the comfort we ourselves have received
from God. For just as the sufferings of
Christ flow over into our lives, so also
through Christ our comfort overflows.**

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1:29–30

And of this gospel I was appointed a herald
and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I
am suffering as I am. Yet I am not
ashamed, because I know whom I have
believed, and am convinced that he is able
to guard what I have entrusted to him for
that day.

2 Timothy 1:11-12

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:6-7

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

1 Peter 4:1-2

**But thanks be to God, who always leads us
in triumphal procession in Christ and
through us spreads everywhere the
fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we
are to God the aroma of Christ among
those who are being saved and those who
are perishing.**

2 Corinthians 2:14-15

