

## Why Does God Allow Us to Struggle?

1) Why Is, "Why do b\_\_\_\_\_ things happen to g\_\_\_\_\_ people?" a Bad Question?

a) It Implies That God Should Love G\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_ More

i) **IF THIS IS A PLACE YOU GET "STUCK" THEN IT IS MOST LIKELY BECAUSE YOUR VIEW OF GOD IS BASED ON WHAT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES ARE INSTEAD OF THE VIEW OF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES BEING BASED ON WHO GOD IS!**

*"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'<sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,<sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. **Matthew 5:43-45 (ESV)***

ii) Jesus came for the sin-sick (Luke 5:31) and the lost (Luke 19:10), not the good and the bad!

b) It Implies That I am a G\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_

*"For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,<sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.<sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." **Mark 7:21-23 (ESV)***

i) **WE ARE NOT GOOD! WE ARE SINNERS IN NEED OF A SAVIOR!**

*Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?  
<sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! **Romans 7:24-25a (ESV)***

† We deserve severe j\_\_\_\_\_...God sent His Son, J\_\_\_\_\_

† We deserve h\_\_\_\_\_...God offers H\_\_\_\_\_

† We deserve a\_\_\_\_\_ nothing g\_\_\_\_\_...God gives A\_\_\_\_\_ G\_\_\_\_\_

**"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Robert Robinson**

<p>1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of Thy redeeming love.</p>	<p>2. Here I raise mine ^Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.</p>	<p>3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.</p>
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<sup>^</sup>2 Samuel 7:12 ("stone of help")