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part 3

The Bible & Your Salvation

Making Sense of the Bad in "The Good Book"



1. Admit _____ (v.5a)

2. Avoid _____ (vv.5b-8a)

3. Affirm _____ (v.8b)

Romans 3:5-8

⁵ But if our unrighteousness brings out God's righteousness more clearly, what shall we say? That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us? (I am using a human argument.)

⁶ Certainly not! If that were so, how could God judge the world?

⁷ Someone might argue, "If my falsehood enhances God's truthfulness and so increases his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?" ⁸ Why not say—as we are being slanderously reported as saying and as some claim that we say—"Let us do evil that good may result"? Their condemnation is deserved. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Romans 8:28**. What examples can you provide of bad things that have happened to you which turned out for good in your Christian life?

How can an unbalanced view of the truth of God "working **all** things for good" lead us to the wrong conclusions?

2. What are some of the rationalizations that have tempted you to think that sin is really not such a big deal?

Read **Isaiah 53:5-6**. How does pondering the cross of Christ help you avoid those kinds of rationalizations?

3. In your own words, why is it unbiblical and unreasonable to argue that God should not punish sinners if he utilizes their sin for ultimate good?

4. What are some of the negative consequences of breaking God's law?

List some of the other biblical reasons Christians should strive to be holy?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

January 25th

Ex. 1-2 & Mt. 25

January 26th

Ex. 3-4 & Mt. 26

January 27th

Ex. 5-6 & Mt. 27

January 28th

Ex. 7-8 & Mt. 28

January 29th

Ex. 9-10 & Mk. 1

January 30th

Ex. 11-12 & Mk. 2

January 31st

Ex. 13-14 & Mk. 3

February 1st

Ex. 15-16 & Mk. 4

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0859 – ***The Theodicy of God***

CD # 0661 – ***When God's People are Unfaithful: Addressing the Broader Questions***

CD # 0027 – ***If God is So Good Why's the World So Bad?***

CD # 9721 – ***An Upside Down World: Trusting God When Right Doesn't Seem Right***

*Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to **www.CompassBooks.org**.)*

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Poole, Garry. ***How Could God Allow Suffering and Evil?*** Zondervan, 1998.

Stackhouse, John. ***Can God Be Trusted? Faith and the Challenge of Evil***. Oxford, 1998.

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