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Why? So Many Ideas, But One Truth

Revelation 21:4 - *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.*

Romans 8:18 - *Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.*

Sharing In The Glory Of Christ Comes Only After Sharing In His Sufferings

Sin Has Enslaved All Creation

The Sufferings We Face Now Are Surpassed By The Glory That Awaits Us

2 Corinthians 4:17 - *For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!*

1 Peter 5:8-10 - *Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are. ¹⁰ In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.*

We Become So Focused On Our Difficulties That We Forget To Watch For Danger

Evil Is That Which Goes Against God's Nature And Ways

Romans 5:12 - *When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.*

Isaiah 14:12-14 - *“How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world. ¹³ For you said to yourself, ‘I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God’s stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. ¹⁴ I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.’*

Genesis 6:5 - *The LORD observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil.*

God Begins His Plan To Rescue Humanity From Evil

God Has Always Provided A Way Of Forgiveness And Rescue

The Bible Reveals God’s Abundant Grace And Mercy

The Bible Teaches God’s Judgment Over:

- 1) Evil.**
- 2) Those Who Reject Him.**

John 3:36 - *And anyone who believes in God’s Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn’t obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God’s angry judgment.*

2 Peter 3:8-10 - *But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.*

2 Corinthians 4:4 - *Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.*

- 1) Humanity Still Has A Sinful Nature.**
- 2) God Is Being Patient.**

1 Peter 4:19 - *So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.*