

*"I can do all things
through Christ
who strengthens me."*

Philippians 4:13

Our Expressions

We wish to thank everyone who has encouraged us in our efforts to build a fellowship which reflects the union and power of God and Christ.

It is our hope to make more than an association and partnership of the individuals who become involved in this effort. The church has been referred as a family of God.

Although, works such as this are not easily established, we know God will provide for our needs according to his riches in glory. And, God will direct us as we allow him to rule supreme over our every decision.

So we ask for your sincere heart felt prayers and supplications that this work be fruitful, abounding and effective for the saving of the people of God.

Your prayerful support and generous gifts are necessary to meet the needs of the weak, defenseless, homeless, sick and needy. Through your support we hope to help many in our community. Thank you from the members of **Fellowship of Christ Church of Corona**

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TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY

6:00pm – 7:00pm (MST) – Bible Study
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Mission Statement

1. Teach all to follow God's word as the guiding principle for daily living.
2. Establish a fellowship where people of all nations live together in godliness and peace.
3. Present the Gospel of God and Christ as a lifestyle to warn against the dangers of self, sin and evil.
4. Continue in hope with Christian living being different and making a difference in a troubled society.
5. Seek to present the truth of the Gospel of Christ Jesus to the world; looking to God to send others, who are like-minded in faith to the praise and glory of God, while asking Him to open the door of opportunity to bless others who are in need.

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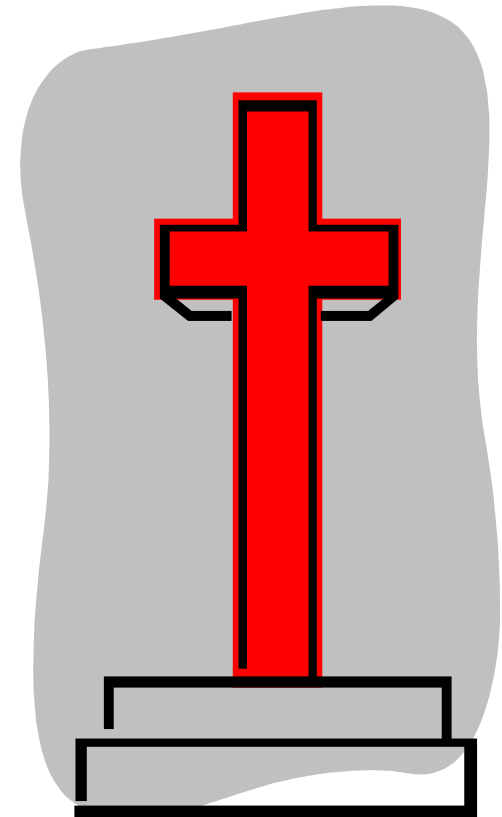
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No judgment just listening



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BIBLE STUDY
LESSONS ON CHRISTIAN LIVING
SUBJECT: WHY EVIL?
SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 45:7, 9
MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 5:14

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Genesis 2:9 "And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil."

Genesis 2:17 "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:5 "For God does know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

Genesis 3:22 "And the LORD God said, 'Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:...'"

Isaiah 45:7 "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace and create evil: I the LORD do all these things."

Isa 45:9 "Woe to him that strives with his Maker! ..."

Deuteronomy 1:39 "Moreover your little ones, which you said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in there and to them will I give it, and they shall possess it."

Hebrews 5:14 "But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

DISCUSSION

Below we can refer to the argument St. Augustine put forth regarding this issue and many in both religious and philosophical fields take notice of his thoughts on the topic. However, I take notice of the scriptural references suggesting the Lord God created good and evil.

But if we say God is good then how could a good God create evil? This to me was a puzzling question and I meditated for days on it. Then it became clear how God creates evil. God creates evil because He sets the standards for what is

good and everything that "does not conform to the standards of God" is evil. This is a concept many philosophers and religious teachers have not considered. God is author of all things and therefore is sovereign overall. He made all things and in his wisdom made preparation of both the good and the bad. He could not destroy all evil because he could see some good and needed to put in plan a way of extracting the good from the bad. After the extraction was complete he could eradicate the bad forever.

We have the truth of God and Christ being spread around the world. We know a majority of people who have heard the gospel question or deny of the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ and existence of God. Yet, we have the Holy Spirit who verifies all things concerning Christ Jesus and God. Men and women must receive the Holy Spirit in order to recognize the kingdom of Heaven, this is without question.

Therefore, on earth in society a majority of people follow after evil on a daily basis and believe life cannot be lived with doing evil.

So what is evil? Evil is a "**REJECTION OF GOD**" and a refusal to do the will of God.

ST. AUGUSTINE ON EVIL

St. Augustine on Evil and his question was why evil? Since evil is not a thing God could not have created it. And because it is not a thing, "Evil has no positive nature; but the loss of good has received the name 'evil'."

Augustine knew that evil was real. Independent evidence (natural theology) was enough to convince him that God existed and that everything He created would be good. Evil, then, must be something real, but not a "thing" in the conventional sense. Evil is not a created thing, but spoiled goodness made possible by the free moral agency of rational creatures. Evil is not something present, but something missing, a privation.

The challenge that God could have created a world of free-will creatures immutable in their goodness is answered by the notion of plenitude, the greatest good. The possibility of evil also makes a greater good possible. God made a world in which true moral decision-making and development of virtues is possible in humans,

manifest by persons whose character is formed through growth and struggle.

There's a sound reason why God has allowed evil. It doesn't conflict with His goodness. God is neither the author of evil, nor its helpless victim. Rather, precisely because of His goodness He chooses to co-exist with evil for a time.

I believe the problem with St. Augustine's argument is because he did not refer to scripture but to philosophy to answer this question. All persons of the field of philosophy believe thought or reason is the best course to understanding. I disagree. It is my belief our understanding of life and its nature comes from a proper knowledge of the word of God. Since He created all things, we can best recognize his work by looking into the secrets or mysteries of his word.

REJECT (Refuse (Verb))

1. arneomai (G720), "to deny, renounce, reject," in late Greek came to signify "to refuse to acknowledge, to disown," and is translated "to refuse" in Act_7:35; Heb_11:24. See DENY, No. 1.

2. paraiteo mai (G3868), for the various meanings of which see AVOID, No. 3, denotes "to refuse" in Act_25:11; 1Ti_4:7; 1Ti_5:11; 2Ti_2:23, RV (KJV, "avoid"); Tit_3:10, RV (marg., "avoid"; KJV, "reject"); Heb_12:25 (twice), perhaps in the sense of "begging off." see EXCUSE, INTREAT, REJECT.

3. dokimazo (G1381), "to prove, to approve," used with a negative in Rom_1:28, is translated "they refused," RV (KJV, "they did not like"); RV marg., "did not approve." see APPROVE, No. 1.

Notes: (1) For parakouo, "to refuse to hear," RV in Mat_18:17 (twice), see HEAR, A, No. 7. (2) In 1Ti_4:4, KJV, apobletos, "rejected" (RV), is translated "refused." see REJECT.

CONCLUSION

I pray the Lord God give his people wisdom to discern good and evil, power to resist all evil and the understanding to help others to do the same. I ask this in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING REMARKS BY MICHAEL NIXON

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