

- ♦ Can you admit you are a sinner? (sin is inherited and affects *every* man)
- ♦ Do you want forgiveness for your sins?
- ♦ Are you willing to turn from your sins and become a follower of Christ?
- ♦ Would you like to have the assurance that your soul is safe for eternity?

If so:

Tell God you believe Jesus is his risen son. Based on that, ask him to forgive you of your sins and save your soul. Ask him to help you walk from now on in newness of life that is now available to you through Jesus Christ.

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# Suffering

WHY DOESN'T GOD DO  
SOMETHING?

**HE DID DO SOMETHING!**

Before this question can be properly answered, it is important to understand that the terrible suffering we see going on through-out the world...

*is not caused by God.*

**He created a perfect world.**

**The suffering is caused by the sin that entered the world at the instigation of *Satan*, who is a murderer and a liar and is the father of all who choose to follow him.**

**The instant *Satan*, the world's first terrorist, took the human population hostage *through their own choice to sin*, God stepped in, taught them how to deal with the devastating addition of sin into their lives, and taught his creation that if they would carefully obey him--they would still be alright.**

He promised that he would send a man who would be able to buy them back from the terrorist devil by paying a ransom--until the redeemer came however, God provided a way for the fallen humans to live safely--obedience would have kept them safe.

God doesn't cause the suffering we see all around us--sin does.

God provided a remedy for sin and suffering in the person of his son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus was the only sinless man and therefore was able to pay the price for the sin which held all mankind in its merciless grip. His death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead ensured that both sin and its instigator, Satan, are doomed.

Jesus left the glory he had in Heaven and came to earth the first time as a suffering lowly *servant*. His next trip to earth will be as prince of peace and conquering *king*.

Satan is at the bottom of all suffering. By the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Satan has been tried and convicted; his sentence of doom will be carried out at the second coming of Jesus Christ to this earth.

Because Jesus died and rose again, all sin is doomed, and both we and this earth have a beautiful future to look forward to.

Our dead bodies will be raised, and the earth will be restored to its original perfection. We have God's promise that all things will be made new and will never be marred by sin and death again.

*Why would we continue to allow our soul to remain in jeopardy while we debate about whether or not God is righteous and fair?*

He is righteous and fair. He provided a way (through his risen son) for every man, woman and child to live forever in a glorious kingdom of peace that will *have no end*.

**None of us have the promise of tomorrow. If we are still alive today and have not as yet accepted the eternal life available to us through Jesus, it is only by the mercy of Almighty God.**

**Jesus said there is only ONE WAY to the Father, and that is through *him*. We cannot save ourselves. We cannot be good enough. We cannot be religious enough. We cannot be rich or powerful enough. All who see salvation find it by way of the lowly Nazarene--the man of sorrows, who was rejected by men--the stone that the builders rejected--the rock of offense, and the stone of stumbling.**

**The scriptures tell us in Romans chapter ten that if we believe Jesus is the son of God, and if we believe that God raised him from the dead--we will BE SAVED.**

**No one has to go to the awful doom that was never prepared for mankind to begin with. The lake of fire was prepared for the devil and his angels, but sadly, all too many men will go there.**