

## Why should I love such a cruel God?

Why should I love such a cruel God? Why does God keep quiet and shut His eyes to people who are undergoing severe trials, brutally killed, women being physically abused? Do I want to love such a God?

**Answer: Because God loves you!** God loves His human creation. He is perfect, good, the very opposite of cruel and completely full of righteousness. He proves His love for you and me and all people on earth every second of every day as He gives us our very breath which keeps us alive and every bite of food which sustains us.

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Dear Friend are you attempting to find in your heart some "good qualities" to apply as a standard to judge Holy God? Men often attempt to find "good qualities" inside their hearts with which they use to build a false accusation against God. Men often attempt to elevate their own "attributes and abilities" above God's perfect qualities so they can accuse God of possessing unworthy attributes and lack of ability.

This flawed reasoning produces an audacious conclusion: "If I were GOD, I would be totally different. I would never allow any of this evil and pain because I would create a world of people who are only good, kind, and loving to other people."

However, the creatures of this flawed reasoning would not be people who would possess a "free will." Such creatures, without a "free will", could only be robots and not humans!

Do you not see that if a creature is given a free will they MUST be able to choose to LOVE along with the ability to exercise their free will to HATE? Love can have no meaning UNLESS it has a "reference point". To know what Love is, a creature must also have an understanding of its opposite, which is Hate. Genuine love MUST BE a VOLUNTARY CHOICE!

Our one true God and Creator desired a family to love Him VOLUNTARILY. To be able to love God voluntarily means one MUST also have the ability to voluntarily reject and hate God.

Again for emphasis, the following must be **totally true:** For a creature to be able to "love God", they must also have the ability to "hate and reject God". To create a being able to "love their neighbor" they must also be given the ability to choose to "hate their neighbor".

Today, with your free will, you are choosing to either love or hate God, and to love or hate your neighbor!

The following is God's voluntary free will LOVE in action and poured out upon His creatures:

- Romans 5: 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But **God demonstrates His own love toward us**, in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us**. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to **God through the death of His Son**, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by **His life**.

God so loved us that He voluntarily died for us. God will not COERCE us to love Him in return!





Since love must be voluntary, a forced or coerced love is NOT love at all. A coerced love is only forced obedience without the quality of affection required for the warmth of a true relationship.

All of the cruelty, pain, sorrow, suffering, tragedy and death is caused, not by Holy God, **but is** caused by sin-filled mankind rejecting God's love.

When a person looks into their own heart determined to see some "good qualities", they are simply following after Adam and Eve's original sinful choice in the perfect Garden of Eden where they declared [paraphrased]: "We want to be our OWN GOD. We do NOT want Creator God to rule over us."

This fallen misshapen reasoning of wanting to be "our own gods" allows a person to produce a criticism about God while falsely accusing Him of harboring evil in His heart or being powerless to prevent evil from happening. Thus, corrupted darkened minds of creatures will often attempt to judge their perfect Creator without understand the full depth of His love which is patiently working out the conclusion of saving lost humanity, those who trust in His Son Jesus, back into His eternal family.

## Following is God's Perfect Law of Love:

- Mark 12:29 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. 31 And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Question: Why is the world full of cruel, unloving, selfish and deceitful people and actions?

**Answer:** Because we <u>all</u> violate God's perfect Law of Love. We <u>all</u> rebel constantly against Holy God and harm our neighbors [those closest to us whom we "touch" in some manner, mentally, verbally, emotionally or physically].

You and I both know we are <u>all</u> guilty and have violated God's perfect Law of Love. This is why it is the utmost foolishness to look into our own hearts and try to construct a platform from which to judge Holy God who always has been and always will LOVE perfectly. We are guilty sinners. We, unlike God, do not have perfection in **any** part of our being.

**Furthermore:** Sin-filled human beings, after wrongfully judging the true God, begin to create false gods. The false gods created by man's fallen imagination are like themselves except they sometimes have more power. These false gods are cruel, unloving, selfish, deceitful and mirror the attributes sin-filled men see in themselves.

Jesus Christ was the ONLY perfect Man who has ever walked upon the earth. He loved His creation as He came to show the love of God to them. Jesus ONLY did righteous good acts. He healed people of their diseases, fed them miraculously until they could eat no more, delivered them from demonic powers which had possessed them and even raised some from death unto life.

If given the opportunity, sin-filled mankind will always mock, spit upon, blaspheme, scourge [torture] and try to kill the Son of God, Jesus Christ who loves them perfectly.

After all the unimaginable love and goodness which Jesus poured out on the people, Pilate, the ruling Roman authority, asked the crowd of people what they wanted him to do with Jesus.





The response from the crowd:

- Mark 15:11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them. 12 Pilate answered and said to them again, "What then do you want me to do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?" 13 So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!" 14 Then Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, "Crucify Him!" 15 So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.

Following is a description of what every heart full of unbelief and rejection of Holy God desires to do and would do if permitted:

- Matthew 27:27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. 28 And **they stripped Him** and put a scarlet robe on Him. 29 When they had **twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head**, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and **mocked Him**, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 **Then they spat on Him**, and took the reed and **struck Him on the head**. 31 And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and **led Him away to be crucified**.

Please take careful note of Jesus' petition to God the Father as the soldiers nailed His hands and feet to the cross:

- Luke 23:32 There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34 Then <u>Jesus said</u>, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. 35 And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." 36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." 38 And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**Truth:** Mankind and the devil teaches the following to their children: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy [all people who might prevent you from receiving exactly what you want to have in your covetousness].' [Matthew 5:43]

Our dear Creator teaches just the opposite to His children: Matthew 5:44 But I [Jesus] say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father 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. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors [those who oppress you and do you harm] do the same? 47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? 48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

**The following is tragically true:** My heart, your heart and every. human heart in reality looks like the following:

Jeremiah 17:9 The [human] heart is **deceitful above all things and beyond cure**. Who can understand it?





- Mark 7:18 So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, 19 because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?" 20 And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. 21 For from within, **out of the heart of men**, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23 **All these evil things come from within and defile a man**."

The following is the natural first born evil and cruel heart of all people born into the world. This is the "fruit" which the sin-filled human heart will produce to harm their neighbors:

- Galatians 5:19 Now the **works of the flesh** are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Do you see this truth? We are all guilty! I am guilty and you are guilty of violating God's perfect law of love:

What are we going to do about our guilt? Once a violation [sin] occurs against God and our neighbors, there is NOTHING we can do to erase it or change it. That action, that sin, is fixed and written down and MUST be judged.

The God whom you have tragically thought to be cruel, so loves you, me and all humanity, has declared [paraphrased]:

"I LOVE my creation, made in My own image. I will come Myself, in the form of My Son Jesus and I WILL PAY THE JUST DEATH PENALTY due for their violation of My perfect Law of Love. My Son, Jesus, will voluntarily, gladly suffer mocking, be spit upon, tortured and executed by crucifixion on the Cross at Calvary to die in the place of anyone who will believe and trust in Him. I will accept Jesus' death as payment in full for all the sins of those who trust in Him. Jesus' death will suffice as their Substitute and cover all their sins and evil which I will never again bring up against them. Those who trust in Jesus will stand before Me in heaven having No Condemnation [Romans 8:1] and will live with Me in heaven forever in perfect joy" [Psalm 16:11].

Dear Friend, what kind of depth and quality of love is this that God, their Creator, would LOVE humanity, even those who killed His own Son?

## Jesus' own Answer to this question:

- John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Do you know anyone on earth who has this kind of love? NO! You would NEVER be able to find anyone, EXCEPT a Perfect Loving God, who loves you like this! And, in your darkened mind, you are inclined to see MAN'S CRUELTY and attribute that horrific cruelty, unloving attitudes and deeds to your perfect loving Creator!

The devil wants to snare you to think evil of God. We must examine what the perfect Creator has promised to those who love His Son Jesus.

How does this incredible love for God and our neighbors become REAL and ACTIVE in your own life? You MUST BE BORN AGAIN [spiritually]!





- John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, <u>unless</u> one is born again, he <u>cannot see the kingdom of God</u>

You must be given a new "supernatural heart:

- Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh [spiritual heart to be able to understand God's words and power to obey the Law of Love towards Him and your neighbors.]

How does this new birth happen? Recognition! This is a gift from the Holy Spirit breaking open the hard, calloused heart: "I am a hopeless sinner. I can do NOTHING to help myself. I need Someone outside of me to save me. I believe in Jesus Christ, my Savior! Lord, save me!"

- John 3:15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 **For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son**, that **whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life**. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

When one receives their "new spiritual heart" what will be the evidence? Of course, it MUST BE TRUE, we will produce LOVE like our Savior Jesus to love God and others. Following is the "fruit" which is produced by that Christlike love:

- Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control.

Dear Friend, we must close our Note of Love to you.

We have rightly declared God's unfathomable love for you even though, with your free will at this point in your life, you have chosen to reject Jesus.

Our prayer for you is that the Holy Spirit would be pleased to reveal the truth and beauty of Jesus Christ to you which will crack open your hard heart of stone and let the love of Jesus heal you as He brings you into His eternal family.

Yes, it does seem in this present world EVIL is winning the battle for the hearts and minds of humanity on every side. But, this sad truth is simply only a mirage. God, in His perfect love, is working through all mankind's evil and hurt to bring out an eternal family to Himself to enjoy for all eternity. He does this miraculous work ONE HEART AT A TIME.

Jesus will soon return to earth to bring perfect peace and harmony back into His creation. Earth will be returned to the Garden of Eden state that it had BEFORE Adam and Eve rebelled against Him. Their rebellion gave birth to the "sin virus" which has killed every human being since that moment and produced unimaginable pain and suffering as they rejected Holy God and His perfect love for them.





Thank you for your question. We hope our thoughts provide some clarity in seeing the true loving Jesus Christ, your Creator to whom you owe your very life and who will one day soon destroy death and pain.

- Revelation 21:3 God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes**; there shall be <u>no more</u> **death**, nor **sorrow**, nor **crying**. There shall be <u>no more</u> **pain**, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

We join a great many brothers and sisters in Christ praying: - Revelation 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. **Even so, come, Lord Jesus!** 

We have included some further information which might help. We would be pleased, if you so desired, to continue our communication as you have other questions.

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