

Why is there suffering in the world? By Erica Jermanus

Many Christians want to know the reason for the suffering in the world today. In this book, I talk about the reason for the suffering in the world and why we live in a sinful, fallen, broken world. Stay tuned for more!

Why is there so much pain and suffering in the world? Well, the reason for the suffering in the world is because of Adam and Eve in the beginning and the serpent or the devil. It all started with Adam and Eve in the beginning of creation. God commanded Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This tree was in the middle of the garden. The serpent Satan deceived Eve and told her that she would not die if she ate this forbidden fruit, and so she ate it. When she ate the fruit, her eyes were opened and she saw both good and evil. And she gave some to her husband, and his eyes were open too. That is how sin, death, and everything evil came into the world. It all started with the serpent and man's rebellion.

Before man sinned and rebelled in the garden, there was no sin in the world. The world was perfect and so was man. But when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and ate the forbidden fruit, then sin came into the world. Hell was originally created for the devil and his angels, and not human beings. But because humans sinned and did not repent, they were sent to hell, which is a place of eternal torment and separation from the presence of God.

So, I believe that is the reason for all the evil and suffering in the world today. I believe it has to do with the enemy, Satan, as well, because he deceived Eve by telling her that it was okay to eat the fruit. So, that is why there is so much pain, sickness, death, and destruction in the world. Everything bad in the world is a result of sin, evil, and the enemy. John 10:10 says, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." God allows the enemy, the devil, to afflict people with sickness and disease because it is part of his plan and purpose.

We may not understand the reason why we have to suffer for Christ. But every time we go through something hard and difficult, we are being shaped and molded to become the person we are created to be. Also, we are becoming more conformed to Christ and His death when we go through pain and suffering. Everything we go through in life has a purpose. It is to make us into the person we are today.

No one can enter the kingdom of heaven without going through pain and suffering. Acts 14:22 says, "...and that we must through much tribulation enter into the

kingdom of God.” It is through much trial and hardship that we enter God’s kingdom. That is why the narrow path is so difficult and few find it. Few are willing to suffer for Christ. Few are willing to go through what it takes to become like Christ.

When we go through trials and difficulties, it teaches us patience. We learn how to endure and persevere through the pain that we suffer for Christ. When we go through pain of any kind, we develop a Christlike character. Jesus Christ went through so much pain and suffering on the cross, and even leading up to the cross. He was beaten, bruised, spit up on, etc. He went through so much suffering because of His great love for us. He did not want us to bear the weight of the penalty that we deserved. Because we have all sinned against a holy and just God. We all deserve to be eternally separated from God. We all deserve hell for our sins because sin separates us from God. Sin deserves judgment.

The Bible says in Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Jesus Christ paid the ultimate price and penalty for our sins to save us. But what do we

need to do to have this life that He wants to give us? We need to put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ, repent, and turn away from our sins. Jesus Christ died to give us life and not just life, but eternal life.

We cannot save ourselves and neither can our works nor religion. No man on earth can give us eternal life, but Jesus Christ alone. John 14:6 says, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Jesus Christ is the only one who can save us and give us life. He is the only way to the Father. Also, no amount of church attendance, getting baptized, or giving to the poor can get us into the kingdom of heaven. Ephesians 2:8-10 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

So, we are not saved by our works, but we are created in Christ Jesus for good works. True and genuine faith in Christ will produce good works. Our works are evidence that our faith is genuine. James 2:26 says, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith

without works is dead also.” So, the question to ask is, if we have dead faith can we be saved? I don’t believe so. I believe we need to have our faith working in action through our obedience. Jesus said in John 14:15, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” 1 John 5:3 says, “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.” If we say we believe, we will show it in our actions in how we love and treat others.

Romans 10:9-10 says, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Mark 1:15 says, “And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.”

