

Why God Allows Evil

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Luke 23:32.

II. The greatest event of human history was the death of Jesus Christ.

A. An African helped to carry Jesus Christ. Jesus belongs to all nationalities.

B. Jesus refused the medicating wine because he wanted to experience the fullness of the bitter cup of death that he would take for us.

C. Paul said that he was determined to know Christ and Him crucified only because in the cross is locked up the secret of the universe.

1. The only way to God is through the cross.

2. Man in his sin deserved hell, but God gave the judgment to His Son and said that if one puts his faith and trust in His Son then his life will be changed.

3. The most relevant message is that Christ died for you.

D. When asked by the thief on the cross if He would remember him, Jesus tells him that today he would be with Him in paradise.

1. He did not even have to ask for repentance - the thief was converted in a moment.

2. The thief is in heaven by the grace and mercy of God - he could not even be Baptized.

E. The contents of the gospel.

1. There is repentance. No matter what you have done, God can forgive you.

2. There is belief.

3. God cannot forget sin without Christ when we simply forget.

4. God has made Christ sin and only through Him can God forget sin. (1 Peter 2:12, Hebrews 1:3, Isaiah 43, Psalm 103, Isaiah 38, Hebrews)

Application questions

1. What was the purpose of Jesus death?

2. How does the conversion of the thief on the cross show how accessible turning to God is.

3. What are the contents of the gospel? What is keeping you from receiving Christ in faith if anything?
