



## WHY BAD THINGS HAPPEN

*Be controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. - 1Peter 5:8*

### ***LOVE CAME FIRST***

The Bible shows the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) in Genesis when the Loving Creator God said for Us to make humans in Our image. So humanity is created out of God's Holy Love with minds, bodies and spirits for an eternal relationship with Him. Another vital gift that humans receive from their Creator is free will to choose a life of His holy love or reject Him. The first humans disobeyed God and chose to sin and die, which began this world of good and bad. God allows this world with evil to exist so all people can have the option to choose Him or not. When they choose a relationship with God, they have the opportunity to be in His divine system of unconditional love and grow in His spiritual holy love. However, most humans choose to reject Him for selfish reasons and to avoid the truth, which is easy to do in this world of distractions.

*...God is Love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. - 1 John 4:16*

### ***CHOOSE WISELY***

From the moment humans are aware, they internalize worldly programming that can cause great suffering if they do not use their free will wisely and make good choices. God creates all humans with an amazing spiritual plan and when these destinies are not followed, consequences will occur. For life with Father God, people must begin a relationship with Christ Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit because They all go together. All people need Jesus because He came from heaven into this world to fix their broken connection with God, so humanity could have this relationship. When people sincerely ask for forgiveness of their sins and to be with Jesus, they gain redemption, salvation and eternal life. Then this connection with the Creator begins their eternal guaranteed life plan of love.

*Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." - John 14:6*

## ***THE LORD JESUS CHRIST SAVES***

If humans do not have a personal relationship with Jesus to guide their lives, they will be afraid, selfish, unprotected and subjected to the devil's evil reign. Since this reality is a dangerous physical and spiritual world, all humans need Christ Jesus as their Savior and Lord to be safe for now and eternity because with Jesus, humans get their Father God and the Holy Spirit. If Christians have Jesus as their Lord, He can fix any mess, heal any suffering, direct any life and explain any issue when they ask Him fervently and righteously. The Holy Spirit works to change them into loving Christians by being less selfish and growing more like Jesus. Deciding to do this change is still a daily choice, so they need to pray for purging selfishness, worldly desires and all evil influences while growing in holy spiritual love for God and all others to have eternal treasure.

*Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Matthew 6:21*

## ***SPIRITUAL WARFARE***

Because of sinful choices and evil, this world is Satan's kingdom and a spiritual battlefield. Most people are unaware of the spiritual warfare behind the physical world, but the tangible/intangible beings that affect humans are vast. Evil ones can cause suffering, destruction, death and chaos, even in the guise of helping. Believers must test all input to know it is from God before taking action and pray for help. Christians' bodies are God's temples, so they need to eat healthy, exercise and shun any addictions because these sins give the devil an entry. Believers must use their will power and pray to exchange internal worldly thinking for God's truth, righteousness, gospel of peace and Word with assured salvation and faith to fight evil. They will be spiritually tested until this change becomes internalized and disciplined for their own good when needed.

*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. - Ephesians 6:11-12*

## ***FOLLOW GOD'S WAY OF LOVE***

- 1) Unconditional holy spiritual love is God's divine system throughout all universes and dimensions that humans must follow to be with Him.
- 2) In order for humans to love unselfishly like their Father God wants, they need Jesus for help. To receive Lord Jesus, people need to sincerely seek

- Him by praying for forgiveness of their sins to receive eternal salvation and for Him to direct their lives into spiritual love through the power of the Holy Spirit by changing them.
- 3) Christians need to love God with their whole being by seeking to do His will only in a close personal relationship with the Trinity.
  - 4) Love all others unconditionally by following Jesus Christ's holy direction because He said to love others as He loves to remain in His love and joy.
  - 5) Spiritual love is unconditional (pure motive with no expectation), never critical, totally forgiving, encouraging and generous.
  - 6) Loving people are patient and kind. They do not envy, boast nor are proud. They are not rude, self-seeking, easily angered, nor record keepers of wrongs. They hate evil, rejoice in truth and always protect, trust, hope and persevere no matter what the circumstances.

### ***CHECK LIST ON WHY BAD THINGS HAPPEN***

- 1) God allows a sinful world so humans can freely choose Him.
- 2) People have the free will to make wise and foolish choices.
- 3) Demonic influence and deeds in all families, societies, tribes and cultures throughout generations and history have caused evil in this world.
- 4) Humans need dire testing to grow spiritually or they will be complacent, lazy and entitled.
- 5) Christians get tested to be more loving and disciplined for their own good if they don't love and obey their Father God.
- 6) Behind the physical scene, there is spiritual warfare that causes awful things to happen in this world, but God can turn bad into eternal good.

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