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If God is good, why is there evil?  
Selected Scriptures

1. Evil exists (3 forms of evil)

- Natural

- Moral evil

Genesis 6:5; Romans 3: 10, 23

- Supernatural evil

John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:12

2. God Exists

1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Psalm 115:3; 1 Timothy 6:15

3. God allows evil to exist.

4. God must have a purpose for evil.

Romans 3: 5 - 6 – But if our unrighteousness brings out God’s righteousness more clearly, what shall we say? That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us? (I am using a human argument.) Certainly not! If that were so, how could God judge the world?

Romans 5: 8 – But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 9:22 – What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath – prepared for destruction? What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory, even us...

God allows evil to put His

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His \_\_\_\_\_ and  
His \_\_\_\_\_ on display.

How should we respond to evil?

1. You must decide to \_\_\_\_\_  
Romans 7:21 – 25 (MSG)

2. You must decide to \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Peter 3: 8-12 (MSG)

3. You must decide to \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 6:13