

Why does God allow it?

In God's creation, birth and death of every living being is certain. Because of that many people are looking forward to have a healthy, happy and long life. But what happens when illness, misery and poverty shapes our lives? What if war, suffering and terror are affecting our lives?

Why does God allow such circumstances?

Man learns by experience and knowledge. Each path is a personal way and yet all roads lead to the unity of love if we open ourselves to this goal.

Christ says:

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, will live even when he dies; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."(Jn 11:25)

It is thus clear that faith in Jesus Christ equals the belief in eternal life. Everyone has the choice to accept his fate and to follow Christ.

The key to eternal life lies in the constant effort to follow the will of our Heavenly Father. In this our love for God, our neighbor and ourselves is paramount. The obligation to serve our neighbors and to love them, includes caring and feeling responsible for the welfare of body and soul of our fellow men.

"For as the body is one and has many members, so all the members of that one body, being many, are but one body:. So also is Christ" (1.Kor.12, 12)

"And if one member suffers, all the members will suffer with it, and if one member is honored all the members will rejoice with it. You are the body of Christ and each of you is a member. "(1 Kor.12, 26-27)

Only a compassionate, loving heart will reap the rewards of heaven. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus Christ teaches us to travel the road to salvation, bearing all kinds of suffering, violence and evil joyfully and in patience.

*"When he saw the crowds, he went up into a mountain, and sat down: and his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you and persecute you and for my sake shall say all manner of evil against you when they lie so. Be joyful and glad, for your reward in heaven will be great. For so they have persecuted the prophets which were before you." (Mt 5:1-12)*

If I am willing to respond to the will of God in my life, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and distress, to love my neighbor and to love myself, and to forgive, then by God's grace, my life will be filled by the Holy Spirit.

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