



Dear Brother Faull,

I have a friend that is having a great deal of difficulty giving himself to the Lord because of the following questions.

If God knew the outcome of the future of Lucifer, why would He create him, knowing that he would

be His archenemy and would tempt the world to sin and be mostly successful?

Why are we still being punished or under the curse for what Adam and Eve did?

Why does a loving God allow children to be born crippled or with such things like blindness, or heart problems, etc.

MR. FAULL'S ANSWER:

Point One: Why would God create the devil knowing that he would become the tempter?

This is very easy. If you give a spirit freewill, he can sin. If he does sin, he can lead others into sin. One can choose to be such a hater of God that he can seek to destroy others. You cannot have an up without a down, a valley without a mountain, or cold without hot. If one can be holy, he can choose to be unholy.

God did know what Satan and man would do when given freewill. He sets before us death and life, good and evil, Heaven and hell. He planned before the foundation of the world to send His Son into the world because unlike your friend, He is smart enough to know you cannot offer freewill without some choosing evil and thus death.

I did the same thing when I fathered children. I knew on one hand that they could become Hitlers, Stalins, Dahmers, and King Sauls. But I fathered them. They have choice. They could die of cancer, aids, fire, drown, and thousands of other misfortunes such as starvation. But I fathered them. They could be the tempted or the tempter but I fathered them.

He did not make robots or puppets. He gave freewill which means there would be pain, death, and sorrow on this earth. If your friend fathered children he answers his own question.

Point Two: Forgiveness removes guilt, it does not remove consequence. I played with matches and burned myself. That was the consequence. What my father gave me was the punishment.

After the punishment came the forgiveness, but the consequence remained after the discipline and the forgiveness. The songwriter says it beautifully, "Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure".

God does not just forgive us but empowers us to become pure. But that takes time for us to perfect holiness in the fear of God.

If all problems stopped immediately after baptism, temptation and the consequences of our sin were immediately removed, and we had no time to be overcomers of our habits and temptations, we would not be pure by choice and that would not be good.

Faith is the victory that overcomes the world and pure religion helps the widows and orphans in their affliction, and keeps itself unspotted from the world. When a drunk is baptized he still has his red nose and problems with his kidneys. The loose woman still has the bad reputation. The smoker's lungs are still darkened. The thief is still suspected. The porno watcher still has those images in his memory bank.

Salvation is from the guilt and power and eternal consequences of sin, but the physical effects are still there. David's sin was blotted out, but God said the child would die. He had given cause for the enemies of God to blaspheme and trouble would haunt his family. His sons had to wrestle the same sexual sins that he did. Ammom, Absalom, Solomon, Adonijah, had his bad example and it showed up in each of them.

Point Three: As I said above, sin leaves consequences. The whoremonger and loose women get VD and children are born to them that are blind, deformed, etc. The sins of the fathers physically pass to their children for several generations.

Number two answers this one too. Man dies because Adam and Eve sinned. We die because they were driven away from the Tree of Life, which is for the healing of the nations. Curse, pain, sorrow, and death are the results of sin and until we eat again of the Tree of Life, there will be these curses upon all mankind.

If Christians never had problems such as kids gone bad, cancer, heart trouble, disease, pain, starvation, then men would become Christians but not over repentance for sin, or love for God. They would become a Christian, go to Church, and live decent, as they would see that is the premium due on their insurance against those calamities. They would be hypocrites for safety from them. Impure motives would abound if all problems ceased upon becoming a Christian.

I do not sin because it is against God's Law. I do not sin because it breaks God's heart. I am not intentionally sinning because God would hurt me, but because I would hurt God. I have no idea if these will help, but these things are clear as day to my thinking.