

The Apostles' Creed: The First Article

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

God Still Takes Care of Me and All Creatures

“You say your God is all-powerful and all-loving. Then why does He let innocent people suffer so much in the world?” This is the charge that is leveled at us by those who would resist the Gospel when they hear it. If they can make God seem to be something He is not, they can excuse themselves from the message of sin, repentance, salvation, and love. Today, we’re going to unpack the Scripture references in the **Explanation** under question 2, which answers this charge.

Romans 6:23 – *The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

This verse tells us why there is evil in the world. The *wages of sin is death*. When Adam and Eve sinned, death entered the world, not just for humanity but all creation suffers because of it.

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God (Romans 8:20-21).

All of creation suffers because of our sin.

Romans 8:28 – *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.*

God *works all things together for good*. St. Paul doesn’t say that *all things are good*. Bad things happen to everyone. But God works through everything for the benefit of the believer. Our lives are like a needlepoint. All we can see is the underside, which is a jumble of colored thread with no pattern, no rhyme or reason. God is looking at it from the top. He sees the finished product, a beautiful design.

Romans 8:37 – *In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*

It’s important to remember what *all things* Paul is talking about here are. He has just said, *“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered” (Romans 8:36)*. Suffering and death may be the lot of the Christian. But even in that, we are *more than conquerors* because Christ has already won the war on the cross. That’s how God demonstrated His power over sin and death. The answer to the question of evil is to trust in God. His Son suffered and died for us, so we can be more than conquerors.