

“Evil: What Went Wrong?”
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The Problem of Evil

- _____: **Creation fell from Grace.**
- _____ **is the gift of God, but it is NOT incorruptible.**
- _____ **leads to alienation from others—even murder.**
- _____ **destroy real community.**
- _____ **is a struggle we must face.**

There is hope for a tree, that if it is cut down, it will start its life again. Though its roots are old and its stump decays, it can sprout new branches from the ground. But if a man dies and is buried, where is he? As water disappears into the air and into the earth, the spirit of man drains from his body, never to return. If only you could hide me in Sheol, sheltering me there until your anger had passed, then remember me and call me back to life!

Once a man is dead, can he come back to life? If it were so, I would serve out my time and wait for my release to come. Then you would call and I would answer you, knowing that you wanted to see me once again! Job 14:7-15 (Franciscan paraphrase)

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21

1. Ask _____.

“Sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” Genesis 4:7

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Matt. 6:13

“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.” Matt. 26:41

2. Admit _____.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away... Then I acknowledged my sin to you... And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. Psalm 32:3-6

“And forgive us our sins.” Matthew 6:12

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. James 5:16

3. Receive _____.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

4. Give away _____.

“... Love one another as I have loved you. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT)

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34

Resources available in the Crossroads Bookstore: The Reason for God (Keller). The Case For Faith (Strobel). Where is God When It Hurts (Yancey).