

PREPARED
Pt. 3 - Good God?
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Defending your **FAITH**
without losing your **MIND**

What to say
when there's little **TIME**
and even less **INTEREST**

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

Always be **prepared** to give an **answer** to everyone who asks you to give the **reason** for the **hope** that **you** have.

We should be **prepared**
to defend our decision
to **follow** Jesus

The **Problem** of **PAIN**

Response # 1

Have you ever **read** anything on that topic?

Response # 2

If you could, would you remove
everything **bad**
from the world right now?

Have you ever done anything BAD?
Have you children done anything BAD?

If you have good reason not to do away
with **everything(ONE)** bad,
is it possible God has a reason too?

Christians believe **YOU** and **I** are the reason.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his **promise**, as some understand slowness. He is **patient** with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to **repentance**.

Is it possible
that you have a reason to hesitate
and that God has a reason too?

**This is so important because
it points to
the level of hypocrisy
that we live in**

**The easiest way to see this hypocrisy!
You have a problem and I pray for you.
When I have a problem I doubt God.**

HERE'S WHAT WE REALLY WANT

This points to 2 assumptions

**First assumption -
Certain things ought not to be**

Romans 1:19-20 (NIV)

^[19]...since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

^[20] For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Second assumption -

The world is **broken**

Christians Believe

The current world
is not the **Final Version**

Christians Believe

The **current world** is the **Best** path
to the **Best possible world**

Christians Believe

The **best possible world**
is a world where men and women
are **FREE** to sin **but FREELY choose not to**

Romans 8:18-21 (NIV)

^[18] I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

^[19] The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

^[20] For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

^[21] that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

**THERE IS NO
EMOTIONALLY SATISFYING ANSWER
FOR PAIN AND SUFFERING**