SHORT ANSWERS JUBSINONS

OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Big Questions

- Week 1: How do I know God exists and created all things?
- Week 2: Who is Jesus and why is He the only Way to God?
- Week 3: How do I know the Bible is the inspired, trustworthy Word of God?
- Week 4: How does man's free will and God's sovereignty coexist?
- Week 5: If God is good, why is there sin and suffering in the world?
- Week 6: What does God's Word say about current social issues?
- Week 7: What does it look like for me to be salt and light in the world?
- Week 8: How do I communicate the Gospel to people far from God?

Movement Statement of Faith

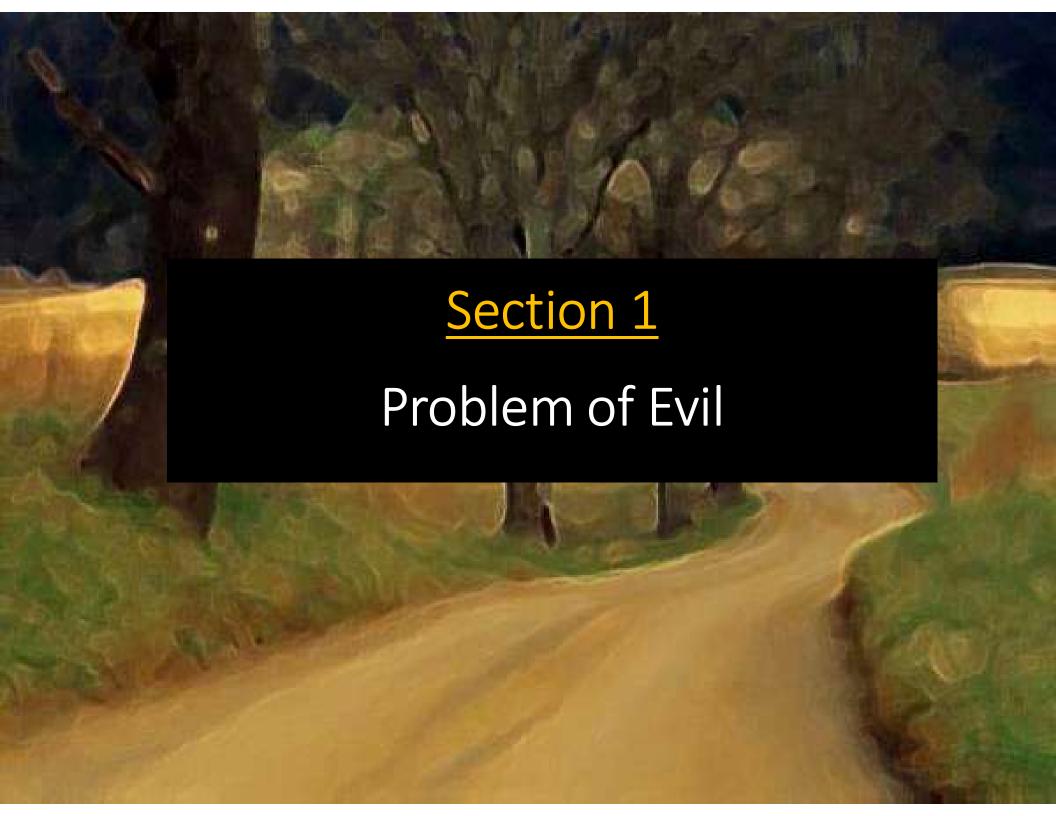
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Section 1.5. MAN

Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God: he fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death.

All men are born with a sinful nature, are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The portion of the impenitent and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment; and that of the believer, in everlasting joy and bliss.



What was Man's Original Nature?

God Created Man Good

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image."

"Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!"

Genesis 1:27-31 (NLT)

What Caused Man to Sin?

Satan's False Claims

¹ "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

4 "You won't die!"

⁵ "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

Genesis 3:1-10 (NLT)

Problem of Evil What is Original Sin?

Adam as Mankind's Representative

God appointed Adam as mankind's representative.

Original Sin is the result of Adam's sin on all of mankind.

Problem of Evil What is Original Sin?

Adam's Sin Nature Transferred to Man

"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world.

Adam's sin brought death, so, death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned."

Romans 5:12 (NLT)

To What Extent was Man/Creation Corrupted?

God said to Eve ...

"I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth".

God said to Adam ...

"the ground is cursed"

"you will struggle to scratch a living from it"

"the ground will grow thorns and thistles"

"you will sweat"

"to dust you will return"

Genesis 3:15-19 (NLT)

To What Extent was Man/Creation Corrupted?

Apostle Paul's Testimony

"Creation was subjected to frustration."

"Creation ... in bondage to decay."

"Whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth."

"We ourselves ... groan inwardly."

Romans 8:20-22 (NIV)

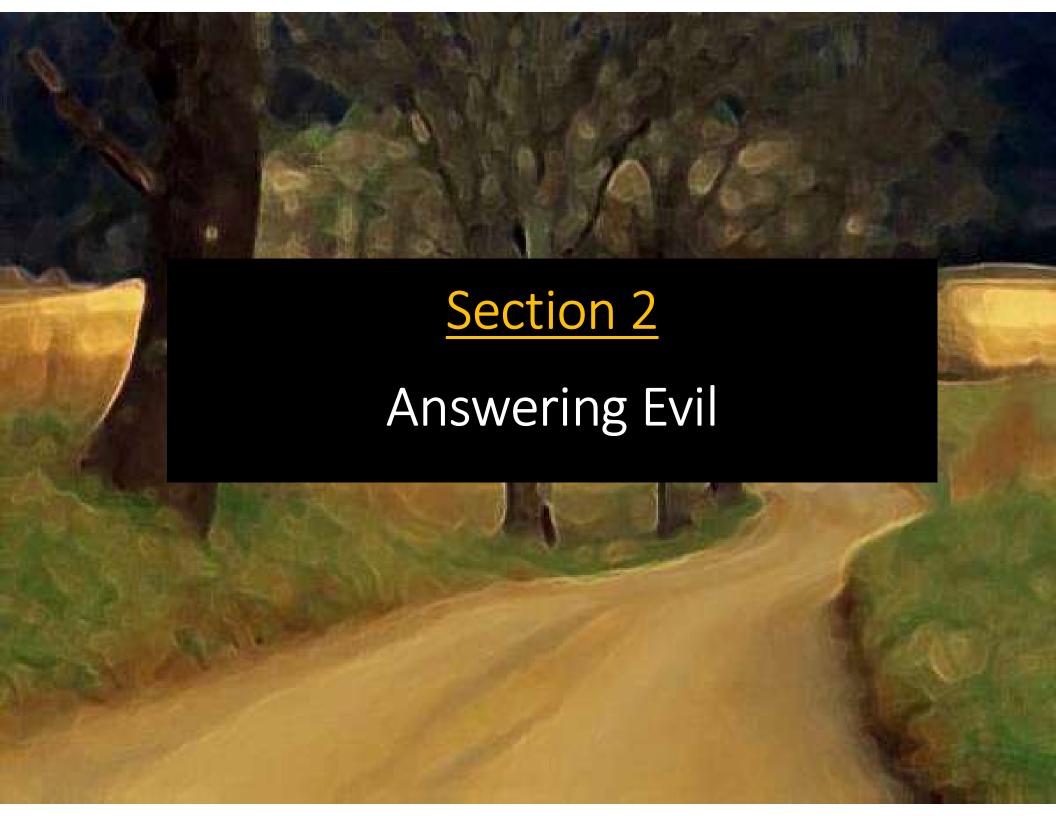
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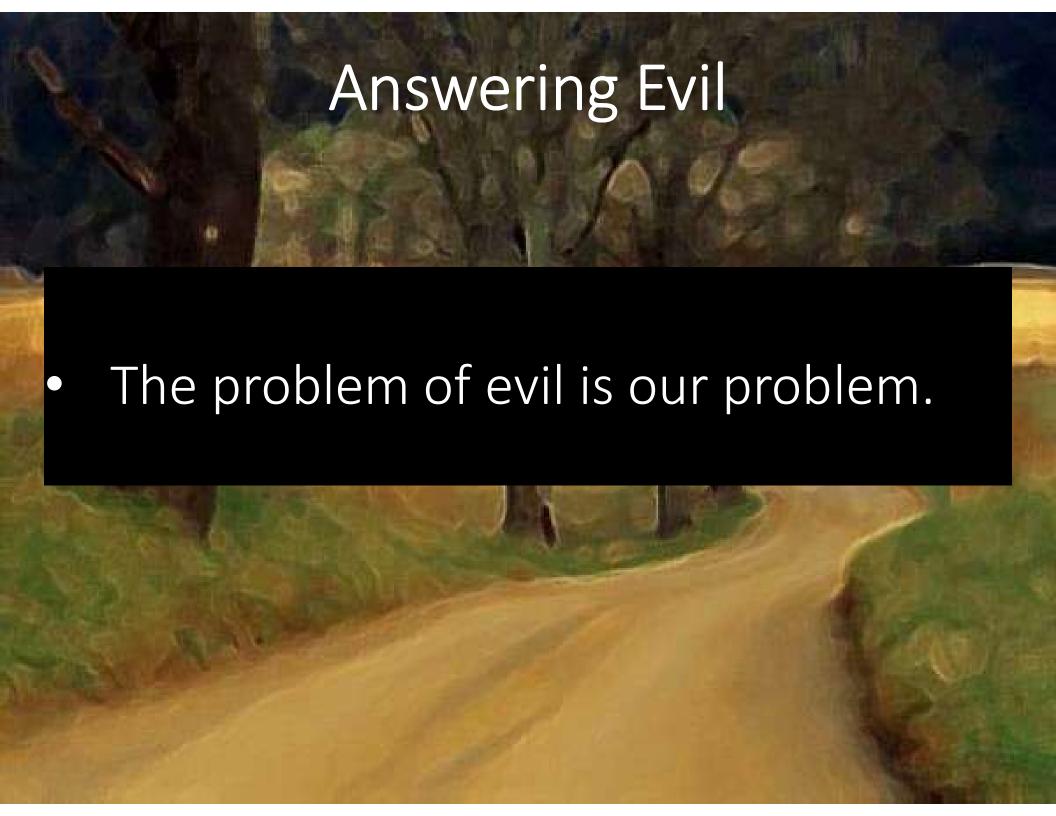
Sin Rules Today

Evil abounds throughout the world.

By all measures, societies are unraveling.

World embraces alternate worldviews that have written God out of the human narrative.





Answering Evil

Theodicy (The dilemma)

- If God is all powerful, he could stop evil.
- If God is all good, he would want to stop evil.

Answering Evil Objections

- If God is unable to stop evil, then he is not all-powerful.
- If God has the power to do stop evil and refuses to, then He is not good.

Answering Evil What good can come from it?

God can show his power.

God can show us our need for him.

Equip us to help others.

Prepare us for future trials.

Answering Evil In the meantime...

Presence (Matt 28:20; John 14:16; John 16:33)

Provision (Phil 4:13; 2 Peter 1:3-4; Heb 2:18)

Protection (Isaiah 43:1-3; 2 Thes 3:3; John 10:28)

Answering Evil What has God told us?

God hates evil.

God is good in all he does.

God is sovereign over evil.

God will judge and punish evil.

Answering Evil Some cautions

 Evil is not a power above or equal to God.

 We can't make universal assumptions or connections between pain and sin.

Evil and Suffering Looking forward...

Fully transformed (1 Cor 15; Rev 21:4)

 God will judge and punish evil (Matt 25:46; Rev 20:13)

With God for eternity (Rev 21:1-5)

