GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR ALLOWING SIN, SUFFERING, AND DEATH

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From before creation, God knows what will happen in history including all the free choices of each person including what might or could have been. In Scripture God has told us of the world empires and their successors. He has told us that in the end Jesus will set up His Kingdom on earth and all will be subject to His authority. Those who have believed in Jesus for eternal life will reign on earth with Him for all eternity. For God so loved people that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him for eternal life and for rescue from sin will not perish, even though he dies, but have eternal life in a new body made in the heavens. 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

It was God's choice to allow sin to enter humanity through the disobedience of Adam. Through Adam, sin brought death into the Universe. God decreed that Jesus would come into the world and defeat sin, death, and Satan. Jesus lived sinless, died sinless, died an unjust death, and this condemned sin to its utter defeat. Jesus is given all power and authority to rescue any person who desires to be saved from sin and to have eternal life. Romans 8:3 Matthew 28:18-20

God demonstrated His love for us when Jesus Christ died for us. God gives us free choice to learn to love Him by our observations, our experiences, and our humble dependence upon the convictions that come upon us by His Holy Spirit. Truth is important to God. Our willingness to seek truth is important to us. God says that if we seek truth He will help us find it. And truth will set you free of worry, frustrations, and to some extent the inevitable pains that come to our frail bodies. We simply learn to accept pain, suffering, and even death, as we learn to love Jesus and depend upon His promises, His mercy and His grace.

Romans 8:18 Our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

We will have a glorified new body, live on a new earth, and Jesus will be present with us for all eternity. The greatest part is just spending eternity getting to know such a mighty creator God.

For men to have free choice to choose truth and love, that means men have the choice to do otherwise. When a person realizes personal sin, injustice, pain, suffering, and death, he sometimes turns to God for truth and love. In that search, God helps him find Jesus to be the truth and the way to life at its best.

John 15:5 Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Choosing to follow Jesus and receiving His eternal life, we can do things that have eternal value.

John 3:3 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again (receive Him), you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Romans 10:13 For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."

The name of the LORD is Jesus. John 1:1-14 He became flesh.

1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
all the earth. 2Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into His presence with joyful songs. 3Know that the LORD is God.
It is He who made us, and not we ourselves;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
4Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and bless His name.
5For the LORD is good,
His mercy is everlasting; and
His faithfulness and truth continues to all generations. Psalm 100

John 1:12 But to all who believed him and received Him, Jesus gave the right to become children of God.

God's design for life is based on "love". Love requires trust. Trust requires the opportunity to make free choices including "not to trust". God has allowed us to be in a position where we are inclined to live outside of God's design for life. We are given the opportunity to trust God and live in His strength, wisdom, and resources. Conviction from the Holy Spirit points us to Jesus who is willing and able to restore us to God's design for life. Through Jesus we can learn to trust and love God. So the purpose of our plight is to experience trust and love as God loves, and experience life by His design. Only by moving from distrust to trust in God can we truly know God.

Sin is living from our own strength, understanding, and resources. Sin results in suffering and death. Jesus is our only remedy for returning to living by God's design. God's design is for us to live by His strength, wisdom, and resources and this is accomplished "in Christ" as we abide in Him. John 15