
The Culmination of Purpose in Evil

- **Main Point:** Today we will see that to the praise of his glorious grace, _____ entered the world so that one day, Jesus Christ would endure the _____ for our salvation, adopting us into sonship according to the purposes of his will (cf. Eph. 1:1-10).

Humanity, the Problem – Heb. 2:6-8

- Hebrews 2:6-8
 - The situation of the former Jewish Christians warranted a discussion on the topic of suffering.
- Psalm 8:4-6
 - The psalmist is talking about our _____.
 - “This is the story of a lost destiny” – Ray C. Stedman
 - What is the intention of the Hebrew author when quoting Psalm 8:4-6?
 - To simultaneously present the problem _____ caused and the solution _____ brought through humanity.
 - We messed things up, we had to pay the price, Jesus became one with us emptying himself of his rightful place and restored the destiny intended for us; a destiny now mediated through him.
 - Eph. 1:19-23
 - 1 Cor. 15:24-28
- Heb. 2:8 – “At present, we do _____ yet see everything in subjection to him...”
 - An excellent summation of our series so far.

Christ, the Culmination – Heb. 2:9-10

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- What we _____ see will bring purpose to what we _____ see.
 - "...Jesus' suffering was a _____ segment of the arc of grace..." – Thomas G. Long
 - Is it possible that the reason that suffering exists is because it was *necessary* so that God would be _____ through _____ display of grace on the cross?
 - Was the suffering of Jesus planned? Yes.
 - 2 Tim. 1:8-9
 - Eph. 1:5-6
 - As it is with God, our chief concern in all things should be God's _____.
 - "The aim of the universe necessitates that there would be _____, so that the Son of God can suffer for sinners and thus display the greatness of the _____ of the grace of God" – John Piper
 - Hebrews 2:10

Our Role and God's Role in Evil

- Evil is _____ doing, the _____ that comes from it is His.

Purpose and Suffering

- The ultimate reason for suffering in the universe is because there could have been no _____ without suffering.
 - The reason this mud exists is because in the mysterious meeting of our failure and God's sovereign will, he found this universe with its dirt and disdain to be that through which he would display most fully his glorious grace
 - Rev. 5:9-12

"The Christian cannot regard suffering as an unmitigated evil. He can agree that it is an evil, but he knows also that, borne in the right spirit, it is the means of an increasing Christlikeness."

-Leon Morris