

Joy in the Pain

Can God be both Omnipotent and Benevolent?

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***If God allows suffering even though
He has the power to stop it then can He really be good?***

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.
(1Peter1:3-9 NASB)*

- **God is _____ over all things.**

Nothing happens outside of His_____.

*The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.
(Proverbs 16:33)*

- **You cannot have real joy if you do not have _____.**

If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. (1Corinthians 15:19)

- **Everything God does is _____.**

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

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