

Listen carefully to the Bible reading from Luke chapter 13 verses 1 to 7.

Pain and suffering can be confusing. People often wonder why these things happen.

But for those who are God's people, God has told us about these things in his word the Bible. He shows us the thing that helps us most when life gets tough is this:

# Knowing Jesus!

Why does this make such a wonderful difference? Today we will look at **3 Bible verses** that will help us with this.

**1** **Genesis 1v31** "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good..."

Think about the verse and choose the correct answers to the questions below.

1. When God made the world...

- a) ...it was just like it is today
- b) ...everything was perfect

2. Suffering and evil...

- a) ...were not supposed to be in our world at all
- b) ...are just a natural part of our world

We can still see examples of God's good creation in our world today. What very good things from God can you think of that we can see around us?

1. A beautiful sunset

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

But things went wrong when the people God made turned away from him. They sinned.

And we do the same. We sin too.

Rearrange the letters to complete these sentences:

When \_\_\_\_\_ came into the world, \_\_\_\_\_ came too.  
(ins) (sffngirue)

God's creation is no longer \_\_\_\_\_.  
(eefctrp)

Do you think God knows what it is like for us when we are in pain and when we suffer? Why or why not?

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\_\_\_\_\_

Read the verse below carefully.

2

**1 Peter 3v8** "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God..."

This is talking about when Jesus died. What does the verse tell us about why he died?

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So if we are a Christian and Jesus has suffered and died for our sin...

then he has brought us into the **family of God!**

Connect the sentences below that tell us what this means for us:

I can always be sure he loves me...

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• ...God knows me perfectly and he cares for me deeply

God is always with me...

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• ...because he died for me on the cross

Even when bad things happen to me...

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• ...God is working things for my good

When others don't understand how I feel...

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• ...by his Holy Spirit

3

**Revelation 21v3-4** "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences:

forever

pain

people

promises

God \_\_\_\_\_ that if we are his \_\_\_\_\_, we will one day be with him \_\_\_\_\_! All our suffering and \_\_\_\_\_ will have gone forever.

Wow! What an **amazing** thing God is doing!

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They REMIND us how Christ also suffered in our place and they REMIND us of the place God will take his children to where these things will be gone forever!

What will you try to remember next time you are in pain or next time life gets tough? Write it down:

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PRAY and ask God to help us when that time comes.