

**GOD AS A MORAL BEING**

Question #1: how can I be happy in heaven if God has sent people to hell?

Question #2: How can I be happy in heaven if the man who sexually abused me as a child is in heaven with me?

*My notes~*

**PERFECT JUSTICE AND PERFECT LOVE? THREE PIECES TO THE PUZZLE**

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder,' and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. (**Matt. 5:21, 22**)

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (**Matt. 5:27,28**)

Piece 1: God

Piece 2: Love

Piece 3: Justice

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**WHAT EXACTLY, IS JUSTICE?****2 Kings 14**

26. For the Lord saw that the affliction of Israel was very bitter; and whether bond or free, there was no helper for Israel.

27. And the Lord did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

**2 Kings 14**

23. In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, became king in Samaria, and reigned forty-one years.

24. And he did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

3 purposes for justice

Purpose 1: Retribution

Purpose 2: Rehabilitation

Purpose 3: Restoration

Conclusion: It is impossible to have perfect justice with perfect love/ It is impossible to have perfect justice without perfect love... now what??

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## THE ONLY TOOL THAT UNIFIES PERFECT JUSTICE WITH PERFECT LOVE

### **Retribution-**

2 Cor. 5

21. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might *become* the righteousness of God in Him.

### **Rehabilitation-**

2 Cor. 5

5. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

A great explanation of how this works was summarized by the [Billy Graham association](#), in, "Work of the Holy Spirit:

1. The Holy Spirit brings sense of conviction (Jn 16:8)
2. The Holy Spirit brings death to life- even though image of God, image is dead (Eph. 2:1; John 3:3)
3. The Holy Spirit indwells; "I will put my Spirit in you." (Ezekiel 36:27, John 14:16, Hebrews 8:10)

### **Restoration-**

Colossians 1

21. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

22. in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and irreproachable in His sight

23. if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast...

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## HOW DO WE ACTUALLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS CROSS?

Romans 10

9. that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation.

Exchanging identities and what that implies

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