

Getting to Know God

Part 4-The Suffering of God

Intro/Review

Getting to know God as a _____, not an _____
force.

The Joy of God

Laughing

A Good Story

When Sinners Come Home

When He is Glorified

The Sorrow of God

God _____ sorrow

The Servant God

God chose to _____

The Objection of Suffering

“If God is _____, why does He _____ so much
_____?”

Premise: We're down here _____ and God's up there
_____ just letting it happen and _____
about it.

Jesus & the Martyrs

Polycarp

“Wood was collected and made into a pile. Polycarp asked not to be fastened to the stake. ‘Leave me thus,’ he said, ‘He who strengthens me to endure the flames will also enable me to stand firm at the stake without being fastened with nails.’ As the woodpile was lighted, Polycarp bravely lifted up a final prayer to his God and finally the flames consumed him.”

Jesus is profoundly _____ -

Mark 14:33-34

Luke 22:44

Mark 14:35-36

Matthew 27:46

The Suffering of God

An _____ in the Godhead

John 1:1-2, 18

The crucifixion and _____ death of Christ represent

a _____ of _____

(illus: loss of child/parent, sibling, friend)

The first way God deals with suffering is to _____.

Christianity is unique in teaching that God became man

and _____

Suffering and the Resurrection

Jesus _____ and so will we

Resurrection is not merely a _____ or encore, it is

_____ of Act 1.

It gives _____ to the suffering

Joseph

Romans 8:28

Eph. 2:4-7

Mark 10:29-31

The resurrection is not a _____.

What we go through here becomes part of the _____ -

Suffering with _____ and good result.

"Son, 'he said,' ye cannot in your present state understand eternity...That is what mortals misunderstand. They say of some temporal suffering, "No future bliss can make up for it," not knowing that Heaven, once attained, will work backwards and turn even that agony into a glory. And of some sinful pleasure they say "Let me have but this and I'll take the consequences": little dreaming how damnation will spread back and back into their past and contaminate the pleasure of the sin. Both processes begin even before death. The good man's past begins to change so that his forgiven sins and remembered sorrows take on the quality of Heaven: the bad man's past already conforms to his badness and is filled only with dreariness. And that is why...the Blessed will say "We have never lived anywhere except in Heaven, : and the Lost, "We were always in Hell." And both will speak truly."
— C.S. Lewis (The Great Divorce)

_____ suffering is not a result of God's action or

lack of action, it is a result of _____.

Coming to God _____ suffering

God deals with suffering by:

1) Suffering _____ and _____.

2) Ultimately bringing _____, _____ &
_____ to our suffering.