

## Introduction – There are many obstacles to faith in God and Jesus Christ.

- Some can't seem to believe because they can't accept the idea that a "good" God would allow "evil" in the world. \_\_\_\_\_

## I. The Problem of Evil

- There are two kinds of evil in the world:

A. Natural Evil \_\_\_\_\_

B. Moral Evil \_\_\_\_\_

- The problem with evil is that it \_\_\_\_\_

## II. The Source and Reason for Evil

### 1. The Source and Reason

- Evil in all of its forms is the result of \_\_\_\_\_

- II Peter 2:4 \_\_\_\_\_

- Genesis 3:1-7 \_\_\_\_\_

- Romans 5:12 \_\_\_\_\_

A. Moral Evil \_\_\_\_\_

B. Natural Evil (Henry Morris – "The Genesis Flood") \_\_\_\_\_

C. Results of Hydrologist's experiments: \_\_\_\_\_

The reason for the flood however, was the **sinfulness** of mankind. (Genesis 6:5)

### III. The Necessity of Free-Will

- Evil is the "downside" of free-will. \_\_\_\_\_

- Man is in the likeness of God.

- Communication \_\_\_\_\_

- Perception \_\_\_\_\_

- Creative Power \_\_\_\_\_

- Free-will \_\_\_\_\_

- In order to be in the image of God, man must have and exercise free-will.

### IV. God's Response to Evil

- Evil exists in the world and God responds to that evil in a variety of ways.

A. He \_\_\_\_\_ evil

- Limits man's \_\_\_\_\_

- Enables man to do \_\_\_\_\_

- Provides knowledge to \_\_\_\_\_

B. He uses evil to \_\_\_\_\_

- Job \_\_\_\_\_

- II Corinthians 12:7-10 \_\_\_\_\_

- James 1:2 \_\_\_\_\_

C. He allows evil to \_\_\_\_\_ but not \_\_\_\_\_

- I Peter 2:24 \_\_\_\_\_

- John 6:39-40 \_\_\_\_\_

- God has dealt with evil and the suffering it causes by:

1. Offering \_\_\_\_\_

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

4. Promising \_\_\_\_\_

## **Summary / Invitation**

- Are you a victim of evil in this world? \_\_\_\_\_

- Will you receive God's solution to the problem of evil? \_\_\_\_\_