



# **Answers to Tough Questions:**

How Can A Loving God  
Send Innocent People to Hell?  
Part II

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Romans 1:18-32

# Introduction



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- **General Revelation**

- a. Definition: God's universal revelation of Himself to all people, at all times, and in all places. He does this primarily through creation (Rom.1:18-23) and conscience (Rom.2:14-16)—creation points to a Creator; conscience points to a moral law Giver.
- b. Jer.29:13, “*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart*”.

## II. People's Rejection (vs.21-23)



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- Ever since the Fall of mankind, men have turned away from God and began to create substitute gods, with their minds and with their hands .

*<sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools,  
<sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.*

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# III. The Consequences (vs.24-32)



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- As man persistently turns away from God, God turns away from them. “*gave them over to...*” (vs.24,26,28) . He turns man over to the consequences of that which he has chosen for himself. God simply allows the consequences of our sinful choices to take their natural destructive course.



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**Romans 3:23** *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

**Romans 6:23** *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Romans 5:8** *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*



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- *"You are more sinful and flawed than you ever dared believe yet you are more accepted and loved than you ever dared hope at the same time because Jesus lived and died in your place." ~Tim Keller*



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**Romans 10:9** *that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;*

**Ephesians 2:8-9** *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*