

**Sermon Notes for September 26, 2021**  
**The Problem of Evil & Suffering, Part 3**  
**“Why Doesn’t God Eradicate Evil And Suffering?”**

**Things Are Going To Get Worse... Before They Get Better**

**2 Timothy 3:1-5**

**The Day Will Come When Suffering Will Cease And God Will Judge Evil**

**Revelation 22:12-21**

**Just What Is God Waiting For?**

**2 Peter 3:8-15**

**Next Steps For Next Week, September 27 – October 3, 2021**

**Monday: Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5**

Paul writes to Timothy and gives him a “laundry list” of things that indicate there will be “terrible times” in the future. How have you seen these things displayed in our current world?  
Instead of being “lovers of pleasure” how should Christians be described?  
What are some ways that would nurture your relationship with God?

**Tuesday: Read Galatians 5:13-25**

How should we use our freedom?  
What results from gratifying our sinful nature?  
What results from living by the Spirit of God?

**Wednesday: Read Revelation 1**

John received this “wonder-filled” prophecy while exiled on the island of Patmos. It is filled with amazing imagery as John tries to describe “end times” events with his 1<sup>st</sup> century language. How is Jesus described in John’s vision?  
How does John respond to this vision of Jesus?

**Thursday: Read Isaiah 6:1-8 & Revelation 4:1-11**

What word is repeated 3 times as a descriptor of God?  
How did Isaiah respond when he was in the presence of God?  
How do the 24 elders respond when they are in the presence of God?

**Friday: Read Hebrews 12:14-17 & 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

How important is it for us to be “holy?”  
Where do we become “righteous?”

**Saturday: Read Revelation 20:11 – 22:21**

What is the benefit of having a “righteous relationship” with God?

**Sunday: Read 2 Peter 3:8-15**

Why does God wait to put an end to evil and suffering?  
Have you made your own decision to repent? If not now, then when?  
Who do you know that would benefit from hearing about Jesus, our redeemer?