



# 1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

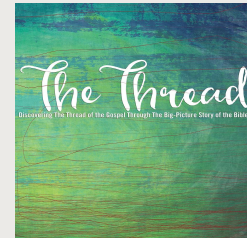
November 27, 2021  
Why did God create evil?



Sundays at 9:30  
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Friday Dec 3rd 6:30pm



January 5th

The Chosen  
Official Trailer

Questions answered  
about The Chosen by  
the director

View the entire first  
two seasons here

Midweek Youth

**On break until January 5th**

Join us every Wed. from 7-8pm for fellowship and prayer along with lessons applying Biblical principles to your life today and get answers to all your questions.

Foster Care Teens  
Personal Care Items

We are still collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to



## Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

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Join us every Wednesday night from 7:00pm to 8:00pm for an exciting new series about seeing the "Thread" of the Gospel through the entire Bible.

Together, we will see that Jesus was God's word made in the flesh, as both messenger and the message of God's salvation for all and He can be seen throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and everywhere in between.

Sundays at 9:30am

DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

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Bible verse of the week

## Revelation 21:1-4

21 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.<sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."<sup>4</sup> "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."



## Why did God create evil?

Last week, we answered a question that was asked in one of our previous lessons. Why did God create evil?

This is a question that is often heard by non-believers and even by some Christians. If God is so good then why did He create evil? We said that the short answer is that He didn't.

To answer the question further, we went back to the very beginning in **Genesis 1** and saw that God created everything there ever was, everything there is, and everything there ever will be and when He was finished, He proclaimed that it was "**very good**".

We said that of course it was all very good created by an only good God so if God didn't create evil then where did it come from?

We asked, "if we wanted to make the room we were in dark, how would we create the darkness?" Of course the answer was to turn off the lights. But, was that really creating darkness or is it just removing the light? Darkness is not something that is created, it is what's left when you remove the light.

We related it to evil being not something that is created, it is simply what's left when you remove good/God. We noted that in the Old Testament Hebrew, the word evil is understood to be an opposition to God just as sin is anything against God.

We said that in God's perfectly good created world, Adam & Eve lived in a true paradise with no pain or suffering or sadness, and not even death. So, where did all this sin/evil come from then?

We said that of course sin/evil did not come from anything God did and it didn't even come from anything Satan did. Sin/Evil actually entered the world by something that Adam did.

When God created man, He gave him dominion and authority over the Earth and He also gave him Free Will to do what he chooses to do with it. God told Adam to not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil and if he did, he would die. Adam not only did not stop Eve from eating from the tree, he also ate from the tree despite God's command. Adam's free will to make his own really bad decision to go against God is what brought sin/evil and everything



that goes with it into this world.

The moment that he defied God and ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil mankind began to die, not only spiritually by being separated from God, but also physically. Man's physical body began to decay and now had an end date as did all of creation. The world we live in is anything but the paradise it was created to be, not by anything that God did but by man choosing to do it without God and without following God's plan.

We said that God does not enjoy it when our choices bring pain and suffering to us or to others or even when we experience the natural consequences of living in a broken world. We said that God has given and continues to give us, through the Holy Spirit, His advice on how we can best avoid suffering but like a young child who is told not to touch the hot stove, we just have to do things on our own and we sometimes end up getting hurt.

If we choose to follow God's good plan then we receive God's promises that go with His plan. But, if we choose to go with the world's "plan", we receive the consequences of the world.

The good news is that while God does not cause our suffering, He can and does use it for good. We talked about many examples of terrible things that just happen in our broken world that God turns around and uses for ultimate good for His glory.

More good news is that no matter how badly we, or Satan, try to mess it up along the way, God's good plan, along with His promises, will ultimately be fulfilled. God even sent His own Son, Jesus, to show us how we are to live and to ultimately pay the price for all our sin so that we can again have that relationship with Him. We said that fortunately, God is very patient with us as He wants ALL of His children to be saved.

We said that the best news can actually be found in the book of **Revelation**. Many see the book of Revelation as being a scary, end of the world type book. But, for Christians it is great news that God's plan is to one day ultimately rid the world of all evil and suffering and death, completely, just as it was in the beginning, and to save all those who believe in Jesus.

We said that while we sometimes struggle through this messed up world, remember that God loves us more than we can even understand and all He wants from us is for us to choose to love Him the way that He loves us and choose to live according to His plan. We said to also remember that God is always with us to help guide us and protect us from evil, if we choose to allow Him to.

I'm sure He is very sad when we choose not to listen and then suffer the consequences of the world. But, in order for our love for Him to be real, it must always be our own Free Will choice.

# Upcoming Events

## First Friday Youth Movie Night

Join us at LWA on December 3rd,  
at 6:30pm for Youth Movie Night!



The movie will be the 1983 comedy classic, "A Christmas Story".  
For youth, grades 7-12, friends and families.

**Rated PG**

Growing up in the 1940s, a young 9-year old boy named Ralphie attempts to convince his parents, his teacher and Santa that a 200 shot Red Ryder BB gun really is the perfect Christmas gift. When he mentions it at the dinner table, his mother's immediate reaction is that he'll shoot his eye out. He then decides on a perfect theme for his school paper but his teacher's reaction is like his mother's. He even gets the same reaction from Santa. He fantasizes about what it would be like to be Red Ryder and catch the bad guys. When the big day arrives he gets lots of presents under the tree including a lovely gift from his aunt that his mother just adores. But what about the BB gun?

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