

Why Doesn't God Do Something?

Whenever I hear someone ask the above question I try to kindly reply, "He is. You just don't like the way He does it! And by the way, if you reject the way He does it then you are part of the problem why we are in the mess we are in." God has a way to help us change ourselves so we can help others change. His way begins with acceptance of personal responsibility for our own actions and the effect they have on others. The Father is to be sought by agreeing with Him they are corrupt and degrading. The trouble is we live in an age of blame shifting. Everyone else is responsible. Or being pleasure driven we want to hold on to our pleasurable sins and excuse them. So we justify drunkenness, pre-marital sex, adultery, pornography, drugs, shacking up, hooking up, engaging in evil speaking by dirty jokes, gossip, and the list goes on and on. God made man in His image. In our vernacular God made man to be a moral being. By choosing sin over goodness we have blocked God from being able to help us solve our personal sin issues and their consequences. That is why the first step is to take responsibility for our sins, agree with Him concerning their corrupt nature and ask for forgiveness. This is called repentance.

Jesus Christ revealed how God's way works when he said pointedly in the Gospel of John chapter 14 verse 6: "Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: *no man comes to the Father, but by me.*" When Jesus said no man comes to the Father but by me He was pointing out the next step in the Way God wants to solve our real problems. The role Jesus Christ plays in this Way of God is to provide Himself as a substitute for the punishment our sin deserves, so we might be forgiven. His sinless life provided a perfect person who was willing to allow Himself to be punished for sins of the whole world. The application of this forgiveness is one person at a time freely offered to all who will trust Christ by faith. It must be freely believed by each man, woman, or child. God coerces no one to believe. He respects each person's free-will to accept or reject.

Some say Christianity has failed. True Christianity, as revealed in the Bible, never fails because God never fails, but it is not easy. G.K. Chesterton, British writer and novelist, said, "**The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried.**" Overcoming my pride and defensiveness about my sin is the most difficult step in repentance. To agree with God about my sin and accept His way to solve my sin problems is very hard. But Jesus made it very clear there is no other way but through Him. God the Father has is doing something but we are blocking Him from helping us and others by rejecting His way: Jesus Christ. When we block Him, we cause others to reject the way by our example of rejection. There is no easy solution to our personal and social problems as a result of our sins. But if we do not turn back to the Father and His way to real solutions found in the true Biblical Christian ideal we will drown in the consequences rejecting His Way. There is real hope for us in Christ for He alone is the way to real solutions. Will you stop blocking the Father who is trying to do something to bring real solutions to all our sin caused problems?