### WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO NOT SO GOOD PEOPLE? - Part I

#### Reference: miscellaneous Scriptures Pastor Larry Webb

It's not \_\_\_\_\_ bad things happen to us, but \_\_\_\_\_\_ bad things happen to us because **bad things are** \_\_\_\_\_. References: **Job 5:7a**, **14:1**; **John 16:33**; **Acts 14:22** (see screen)

It has been said that there are two things we cannot avoid: **taxes** and **death**. We should add \_\_\_\_\_\_ to that list.

Harold Kushner entitled his book "When Bad Things Happen to **Good People**." That is problematic because in a technical, biblical sense, apart from God and His goodness that He creates in us, **there are \_\_\_\_\_ good people**.

## References: Matthew 19:17; Isaiah 64:6

Two interpretations on the identification of "filthy rags":

- designated rags that \_\_\_\_\_ used to wipe the disease from their bodies
- a rag a woman would use to \_\_\_\_\_ the bloodied discharged during her monthly menstrual period

# Reference: Romans 3:10-12 (see screen)

**Definition**: Righteousness is defined as justifiable attitudes and actions that meet \_\_\_\_\_\_ moral standards and God's moral standard is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

"The **righteousness** that God requires is the **righteousness** that His **righteousness** requires Him to require."

Man in his unsaved unregenerate state doesn't understand spiritual matters and notice that man doesn't even attempt to find God \_\_\_\_\_\_ first God has been attempting to find him. Reference: John 6:44 (see screen) The Greek word that is translated as *"draw"* is the word

*"helkuo"* and means "to \_\_\_\_\_\_" in a literal or figurative sense Examples: **John 21:6; Acts 16:19** 

According to **John 6:44**, in a figurative sense means, God is drawing (dragging) us to salvation. If God didn't drag us to Himself then we would never come to God. Reference: **I John 4:19** (see screen) Premise: We should **accept** the **blame** for the **bad we do**; but, we should **never take** \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the **good God does**. Reference: I Corinthians 1:31; Acts 12:20-23 (see screen)

Return to Romans 3:12 (see screen)

Question: Are people born good? \_\_\_\_\_

Basic reasons that unfortunate things happen:

ONE - Sometimes something bad happens as a direct result from a **wrong** \_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ on our part.

Footnote: Actions have consequences and inaction also has consequences.

Someone's wrong action or a wrong inaction can constitute a \_\_\_\_\_\_ or it could be characterized as a \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Definition: A mistake is an \_\_\_\_\_ in judgment.

Question: Did Jesus in His time on this earth make<br/>mistakes?Reference: Luke 2:52 (see screen)Remember, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.Definition: The hypostatic union describes the unique<br/>combination of both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_<br/>natures in the singular person of Jesus Christ.

**Definition**: A **sin** is intentional \_\_\_\_\_\_ to God's expectations.

Four things that can cause us undesirable and unwanted situations: \_\_\_\_\_\_, someone else, Satan and God Himself References: John 5:10-14 (see screen)

# HOW TO RECOVER FROM A MISTAKE OR SIN:

STEP ONE - \_\_\_\_\_ to the mistake or sin.

STEP TWO – Confess to our wrong doing and then apologize for that wrong doing to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

STEP THREE - Accept the \_\_\_\_\_.

STEP FOUR - \_\_\_\_\_ from it.