

# Points to Remember

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**TITLE: "The Suffering Elephant"**

**TEXT: Romans 3:9-26; 5:1-5**

**SERIES: *The Elephant in the Church***

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## Introduction:

The Suffering Elephant:

the issue of

"How could a \_\_\_\_\_ God allow suffering?"

## ***I. God is the \_\_\_\_\_.* (Rom. 3:9-19)**

We all stand on equal footing, in that we are all \_\_\_\_\_.

*Job replied, "Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You. Therefore, I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."*

***When we are faced with the problem of evil, we need to remind ourselves who we are and who God is. We are in no position to judge Him, we have no right to demand an explanation from Him. He is Lord. PERIOD.***

## ***II. God is the \_\_\_\_\_.* (Rom. 3:21-26)**

Mercy would work against justice,  
and justice would work against mercy.

At the Cross there is punishment for sin, a punishment God takes on Himself. But at the Cross there is also an ocean of mercy that flows over God's people.

***We know that God is just, because He has demonstrated His justice and mercy in history, far beyond any possible human expectations, in the cross of Christ.***

*Deut. 29:29-* "The secret things belong to the LORD our God"

## ***III. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ in us.* (Rom. 5:1-5)**

***The fullest answer to the problem of evil is a Spirit-filled confidence that God's way is right and best.***

## Conclusion:

*"I'm absolutely convinced that nothing--nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable--absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us."*

*-Romans 8:38,39*