

# CHOOSE ONE

Mountains or Oceans

Coffee or Tea

Steak or Bacon

Rock Music or Country Music

Ford or Chevy

Apple or IOS

Cake or Pie

Calvin or Arminian

## EXISTENCE OF EVIL

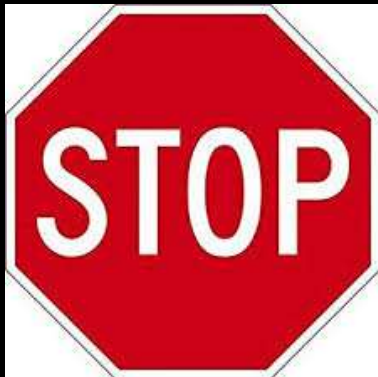
How can God be good, when there is evil, sickness and death in the world?

If God is all powerful why doesn't He stop evil from happening?

# **GOD GAVE A BOUNDARY**

Genesis 2:16-17

# BOUNDARIES



## UNDERSTANDING EVIL

Evil is something morally bad, wrong, and harmful; personified by Satan.

It is opposed to good.

Fairness

God

God's Justice

Us

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God is Sovereign – Ps. 139, Isa. 22, Eph. 1:4

Who can understand the mind of God? Rom.11:34

Sin and Evil are an exercise of human freedom

## DEALING WITH EVIL

End up rejecting God's power or goodness



# JOHN CALVIN

Total Depravity – cannot save ourselves

Unconditional Election – predetermined destiny

Limited Atonement – Jesus died for elect only

Irresistible Grace – cannot resist being saved

Perseverance of Saints – Elect cannot fall away

## JACOBUS ARMINIUS

Partial Depravity – Man has freedom of choice

Conditional Election – God foresaw who would chose  
to be saved

Unlimited Atonement – All can be saved

Resistible Grace – We can reject the spirit's work

Conditional Salvation – We can fail to persevere

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Our freedoms should be understood as our ability to choose among the options in light of who we are, which is a direct result of God's decisions and activity. –  
Millard Erickson

Origin of evil found in Gen. 2-3