

Jesus Was So Successful That All Men Will Spend Eternity With God

The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ embody the fullness of God's redemptive plan, a plan so comprehensive and victorious that it includes the restoration of all humanity to Himself. The Scriptures provide overwhelming evidence of this truth, painting a picture of salvation and reconciliation so powerful that it encompasses every person.

God's Will for All Humanity

God's desire is that all men be saved and come to know His truth:

"Who wishes all men to be saved and [increasingly] to perceive and recognize and discern and know precisely and correctly the [divine] Truth." (**1 Timothy 2:4**)

This desire is not passive but active, worked out through His sovereign will:

"Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose." (**Isaiah 46:10**)

God's sovereignty guarantees that His plans cannot fail. He has consigned all men to disobedience, so that He may show mercy to all alike:

"For God has consigned (penned up) all men to disobedience, only that He may have mercy on them all [alike]." (**Romans 11:32**)

The All-Sufficient Work of Christ

Jesus' sacrifice was not limited in scope but universal in its reach:

"And I, if and when I am lifted up from the earth [on the cross], will draw and attract all men [Gentiles as well as Jews] to Myself." (**John 12:32**)

Through His death, He reconciled everything—both in heaven and on earth—to God:

"And God purposed that through [Him] all things should be completely reconciled back to Himself, whether on earth or in heaven, as through Him, [the Father] made peace by means of the blood of His cross." (**Colossians 1:20**)

Jesus' obedience and righteousness have undone the effects of Adam's disobedience:

"As one man's trespass [led] to condemnation for all men, so one Man's act of righteousness [leads] to acquittal and right standing with God and life for all men." (**Romans 5:18**)

Every Knee Will Bow

The ultimate expression of Christ's victory is that all creation will acknowledge Him:

"Look to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness and shall not return, that unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear [allegiance]." (**Isaiah 45:22-23**)

"For it is written, As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God." (**Romans 14:11**)

This universal acknowledgment is not forced but arises from the overwhelming revelation of God's glory and love.

God's Grace Is Greater Than Sin

The grace of God far exceeds the damage caused by sin:

"For if many died through one man's falling away (his lapse, his offense), much more profusely did God's grace and the free gift [that comes] through the undeserved favor of the one Man Jesus Christ abound and overflow to and for [the benefit of] many." (**Romans 5:15**)

Even those whose works are burned up will ultimately be saved:

"But if any person's work is burned up [under the test], he will suffer the loss [of it all, losing his reward], though he himself will be saved, but only as [one who has passed] through fire." (**1 Corinthians 3:15**)

The Mystery of God's Plan

God's plan, hidden for ages, has always been to unite all things in Christ:

"In accordance with His good pleasure (His merciful intention) which He had previously purposed and set forth in Him, [He planned] for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify

all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, [both] things in heaven and things on the earth." (**Ephesians 1:9-10**)

This mystery includes the redemption of the whole world:

"And He [that same Jesus Himself] is the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins, and not for ours alone but also for [the sins of] the whole world." (**1 John 2:2**)

Jesus' Eternal Victory

Jesus' victory over sin and death ensures that God's will is accomplished:

"For by the death He died, He died to sin [ending His relation to it] once for all; and the life that He lives, He is living to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him]." (**Romans 6:10**)

Through Christ, every barrier to God has been removed, and His mercy will triumph:

"For I will be merciful and gracious toward their sins and I will remember their deeds of unrighteousness no more." (**Hebrews 8:12**)

The Eternal Celebration

The culmination of Christ's work is the eternal union of God and man, celebrated in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb:

"And those servants went out on the crossroads and got together as many as they found, both bad and good, so [the room in which] the wedding feast [was held] was filled with guests." (**Matthew 22:10**)

This celebration will include all of humanity, redeemed and restored, as Christ reigns supreme and God dwells with His people forever.

Reflection

The success of Jesus Christ is complete and all-encompassing. His life, death, and resurrection have ensured that all men will ultimately be reconciled to God. This truth is not only a testament to the greatness of His sacrifice but also a reflection of God's boundless love and unyielding purpose.

Through Christ, all things are made new, and His eternal reign brings peace, unity, and joy to all creation. His victory ensures that no one is beyond the reach of God's love, and all will ultimately bow in worship and gratitude to the One who makes all things whole.