

Resurrection: The Will of the Father

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Introduction

Dying on the cross was part of the agenda of the Father (read John 19:28-30).

Jesus didn't come to die on the cross, He came to do the will of the Father, which involved dying on the cross and resurrecting from the dead!

Doing the Father's Will

Jesus came to do the will of the Father (read **Philippians 2:5-8**). Everything Christ did was in complete obedience and submission to the Father. Jesus didn't have an independent spirit. He connected with the agenda of the Father and did everything the Father sent Him to do. This was the nature of Jesus Christ, as opposed to the nature of the devil which is characterised by disobedience, rebellion, and self-will.

The will of the Father was the primary concern of Jesus.

<u>Tetelestai – Paid in Full</u>

Tetelestai was a Greek word used in business, meaning that a debt has been paid in full. For us as believers, this speaks of the debt of our sins; it has been paid in full.

The term 'tetelestai' is also used in judgment and the court system; meaning the sentence is fully served. Jesus was blameless from conception and in His walk on the earth, but He paid for our sins and died the death we ought to have died.

The price was paid in full; we just need to believe in Christ's atoning work on the cross. Anyone that believes in Jesus is free from sin (read **Hebrews 2:9**).

Christ died in our place; He paid the price for our salvation.

More Than a Conqueror

Jesus took our place in death, He descended into hell, fought our battle, took the keys of hell and death, and crushed the devil. **Hebrews 2:14-15** teaches us that Christ won the battle over the devil fully and irreversibly.

You are more than a conqueror. This means that you didn't go to battle; Christ went to battle, fought, and won on your behalf, making you more than a conqueror; this is what Jesus did for you.

When you cut off the head of a snake, the body can still move around, but it is dead, and has no power. Similarly, the devil is like a headless snake; he may try to manifest, but he has no power. Therefore, we have victory over the devil because we are more than conquerors!

The defeat of the devil is irreversible.

Lastly...

"The moment you believe in Him [Jesus], everything He accomplished on the cross will be credited to your account." – Bishop Francis Wale Oke.

For more context, read 1 Timothy 3:16.

In this resurrection season, be reminded that you are more than a conqueror, and the debt of your sin has been paid in full. This makes you free to do the will of the Father.