



50 Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die

Part 4

17. Jesus came to obtain all things that are good for us

- ❖ Romans 8:32--*He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?*

🎧 What the text means

- “If God did the hardest thing of all—namely, give up his own Son to suffering and death—then it is certain that he will do the comparatively easy thing, namely, give us all things with him.¹”

🎧 What “all things” doesn’t mean

(1) **Prosperity promised**--the following are quotes from some of America’s most popular TV preachers. I will not reveal their identity. The goal is not to humiliate them but to educate us...

- “When we pray, believing that we have already received what we are praying, God has no choice but to make our prayers come to pass²”
- “If you stay in your faith, you are going to get paid. I am now living in my reward³”
- “God is not magnified when you are broke, busted, or disgusted.⁴”

(2) **Only in the after life**--in response to prosperity gospel teaching, many teach that this passage has nothing to do with our lives here on earth, it is only speaking of heaven and heavenly things.

🎧 What “all things” does mean

(1) “All things” means ALL things are from God

- Many of us Christians love to attribute the “nice” things to God and the “not so nice” things to ourselves or to Satan. So if a loved one is healed from a terrible disease we say “PRAISE THE LORD!” If no healing comes we often say things like, “Satan saw him as a threat.” Was God not still sovereign? Was God not still in complete control? For sure, Satan is our enemy and is powerful but he does absolutely NOTHING that God does not allow him to do...

- ❖ Job1:8-12--*And the Lord said to Satan, Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? 9 Then Satan answered the Lord and said, Does Job fear God for no reason? 10 Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face. 12 And the Lord said to Satan,*

¹ Piper, John. *Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die* (p. 52). Good News Publishers. Kindle Edition.

² David Jones & Russel S. Woodbridge, *Health, Wealth, and Happiness: Has the Prosperity Gospel Overshadowed the Gospel of Christ?* p.97

³ Ibid, p.67

⁴ Ibid, p.66



50 Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die

Part 4

Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand. So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

- ❖ John 19:11--*You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above.*
- ❖ Acts 2:23--*this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.*
- We must remember that God is completely sovereign over all things.
 - ❖ Proverbs 16:1--*The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.*
 - ❖ Proverbs 16:4--*The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble.*
 - ❖ Proverbs 16:9--*The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.*
 - ❖ Proverbs 16:33--*The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.*
 - ❖ Daniel 4:35--*all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, What have you done?*
 - ❖ Isaiah 45:7--*I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the Lord, who does all these things.*

(2) All things are for our good in Christ

- ❖ Romans 8:28-29--*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,*
- I am convinced that this truth is what caused Paul to say...
 - ❖ Philippians 4:11-12--*I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.*
- He came to understand that when he was being brought low, God was lovingly, graciously teaching him utter dependence on God. He came to understand that when all earthly pleasures are removed, in God's presence alone is fullness of joy. He came to understand that when he enjoyed times of abundance from God, that abundance allowed Him to be a blessing to others.
- What situation are you in? Is God bringing you low to make you more like Jesus? Has God placed you in a season of abundance to demonstrate his lavish love to you and others around you?

🕒 **As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, whatever situation you find yourself in, be grateful and be confident that it is from God and it is for your good that you may be more and more like Jesus.**

18. Jesus came to heal us from moral and physical sickness



50 Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die

Part 4

- We have already seen in this series that there are terrible, eternal, spiritual consequences for sin. This isn't everything though, there are wretched physical and moral consequences of sin as well.
- 🕒 **Physical consequences:** death, disease, and hardship
 - ❖ Genesis 3:16--*I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.*
 - ❖ Genesis 3:17-19--*cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*
 - ❖ Romans 5:12--*Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—*
- 🕒 **Moral consequences:** total depravity
 - ❖ Genesis 6:5--*The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*
 - ❖ Jeremiah 17:9--*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick;*
 - ❖ Psalm 58:3--*The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies.*
 - ❖ Romans 1:21--*For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they **became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.***
 - ❖ Romans 8:7-8--*for the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*
- 🕒 **Creation itself is aching to be restored**
 - ❖ Romans 8:19-23--*For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*
- 🕒 **The healing has begun**
 - (1) Physical healing
 - ❖ Isaiah 53:5--*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*
 - ❖ Matthew 8:16-17--*That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.*
 - ❖ Acts 3:6-7--*But Peter said, I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk! 7 And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.*
 - ❖ Acts 19:11--*And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.*



50 Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die

Part 4

- ❖ James 5:14--*Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*

(2) Moral healing

- ❖ Romans 6:6--*We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.*
- ❖ Galatians 2:20--*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*
- ❖ James 5:16--*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*
- ❖ 2 Timothy 2:21--*Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.*
- ❖ 1 John 1:9--*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

The healing will be complete

- We cannot now understand how our holy God can endure this world. A world filled with death, disease, and hardship. A world of wretched depravity. A world which produces travesty after travesty. Yet, one day in glory we will look back at our sinful, filthy past and glorify the God who, even then, loved us and made us new, holy, righteous, and pure in Jesus. We will look back on death and disease and glorify our God who, in Jesus, has given us perfect eternal, bodies that will never taste sickness. We will look back on all our sorrow and pain and will glorify our God who, in Jesus, has wiped away every tear. This is why Paul says...
 - ❖ Romans 8:18--*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*
- One day, Jesus will bring to completion his work of healing and restoration and all of the following will be true...
 - ❖ Matthew 13:43--*Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father*
 - ❖ Philippians 3:20-21--*But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself*
 - ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:35-49--*35 But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?".....40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. 42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.....49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven*
 - ❖ Revelation 21:1-5--*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out*



50 Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die

Part 4

of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, Behold, I am making all things new. Also he said, Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.

- 🕒 **As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us remember that the baby in the manger is the glorious God who makes all things new!**

19. Jesus came to give eternal life to all who believe on him

- ❖ John 3:16--*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*
 - No one wants to die. The desire to live is fundamental to human nature. It is the way God wired us. Which is why scripture says...
 - ❖ Ecclesiastes 3:11--*he has put eternity into man's heart,*
 - Yet, we all know, or have heard of, people who have wished to die. John Piper is right though when he says “*The wish for death rises only when our suffering seems unbearable. What we really want in those times is not death, but relief. We would love for the good times to come again. We would like the pain to go away. We would like to have our loved one back from the grave. We want life and happiness.*”⁵”
 - This is why this simple promise in the gospel of John is so beloved. This is why people make signs of it and hold them up at football games. Because this verse is what we all want so deeply. TO LIVE! Yet, “*eternal life is not merely the extension of this life with its mix of pain and pleasure. As hell is the worst outcome of this life, so “eternal life” is the best. It is supreme and ever-increasing happiness where all sin and all sadness will be gone. All that is evil and harmful in this fallen creation will be removed. All that is good—all that will bring true and lasting happiness—will be preserved and purified and intensified. We will be changed so that we are capable of dimensions of happiness that were inconceivable to us in this life. “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined... God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9).*”⁶”

- 🕒 **As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, be grateful that you will live forever and be grateful that the eternal life you will receive is better than you can ever imagine.**

20. Jesus came to deliver us from the present evil age

- ❖ Galatians 1:3--*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age,*
 - 🕒 **What does he mean by deliver?**
 - **Take us out?** Is Paul saying that Jesus is going to swoop us up and place us in a commune where Christians live together in happiness singing only Christian songs,

⁵ Piper, John. *Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die* (p. 56). Good News Publishers. Kindle Edition.

⁶ Ibid, p.57



50 Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die

Part 4

watching only Christian shows and movies, and reading only christian books? No. Though that may seem awesome to some of us, it is not what Paul is saying.

- **Immune?** Ok, so we aren't getting our commune. Does it then at least mean that our families won't be affected by the evil around us? Is it sort of like the ring that Bilbo finds in that it makes us invisible so that the forces of evil can't hurt us? No. Though this sounds particularly awesome to me, it is not what Paul is saying.
- What Paul is saying is actually much better than either one of those. Deliverance is that Jesus gave himself so we would **no longer be infected with evil** that poisons each and every person on the planet. We see this to be true in the words of Jesus himself...
 - ❖ John 17:14-18--*I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.*

🗣️ What does he mean by evil age?

- The evil age is simply the time between the fall of man and the 2nd coming of Christ. It is the period in which sin has mastery over each and every human on the planet.
 - ❖ Romans 5:12--*Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—*
 - ❖ Matthew 24:3--*Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?*
- So often, we don't really see the "evil age" for what it is. It looks normal, it looks like everyday life. However, what we in Christ must remember is that normal everyday life for millions upon millions of people means being plugged into the matrix and completely unable to do anything about it. It means to be born a slave of sin, to live a sinful life, and to die in sin and spend all eternity in hell because of it. This is why the bible describes it as the "evil age." It's awful. This is why we are to be grateful for deliverance from this evil age. This is why we are to boldly preach the gospel to all who are slaves of this evil age, that Jesus might deliver them as well.

🗣️ As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, be grateful for your deliverance from this evil age and with compassion be bold in preaching the gospel to those all those yet delivered.

21. Jesus came to reconcile us to God

🗣️ We we enemies with God

- Many don't understand the reality that it is impossible to be "neutral." There is no "Switzerland" when it comes to this. If you don't belong to God, you are in open, hostile rebellion against him. For example, If someone living in America breaks american laws what does that make them? A criminal, an enemy of the state right? So now, the state will



50 Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die

Part 4

hunt that person down and bring them to justice. It is the same with God. We live in his universe. We have, from birth broken his laws. His laws command us...

❖ *Matthew 22:37-39-- You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

- Anyone who isn't a Christian is guilty of perpetually breaking this law and Jesus himself describes this one as the "greatest." So if you are not a Christian, you are guilty of high treason. You are an enemy of God's state. This is why the bible says...

❖ *James 4:4-- You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

🤖 That is really BAD!

- Who in their right mind would desire to make themselves the enemy of God? Who would want to face the infinite power and wrath of God raging against them? Who can stand before His infinite justice?

🤖 Because of Jesus, we are reconciled

❖ *Romans 5:10--while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,*

- Because of Jesus, we aren't enemies with God anymore. This alone would be the deepest relief, yet there is more. We are not just in some kind of holy ceasefire. To be reconciled means that God sees us as...

(1) Adopted Sons and daughters

❖ *Ephesians 1:5--he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ,*

❖ *Ephesians 5:1--Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.*

❖ *John 1:12--But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,*

❖ *Romans 8:15-16--you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, Abba! Father! 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

(2) His heirs

❖ *Romans 8:17--and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,*

❖ *Titus 3:7--being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

(3) His royal priesthood & His holy nation

❖ *1 Peter 2:9--But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

(4) His chosen ones

❖ *Ephesians 1:4--even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.*



50 Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die

Part 4

- ❖ John 15:16-- *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.*

(5) His friends

- ❖ John 15:15-- *No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends,*

(6) The beloved bride of Jesus

- ❖ Ephesians 5:31-32-- *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.*

🎧 **As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, be grateful that through Jesus we are no longer enemies of God but are His adopted sons, daughters, heirs, royal priesthood, holy nation, chosen ones, friends, and the beloved bride of Jesus.**