

Introduction: Why This Message Matters

Many Christians lack clarity about Jesus' mission, their role, and what to expect in the Christian life. Confusion comes from not knowing what Jesus has already accomplished, what He is still doing, and what part we are meant to play. Like starting a job without direction, this leads to stress, disappointment, and ineffective faith.

Point 1: God's Original Plan for Humanity

- **Psalm 8:3–6, Genesis 1** – Humanity was created to have dominion and extend Eden (God's life and order) across the earth.
- Sin broke this plan, transferring authority to the devil (**Genesis 3**).
- **Genesis 3:15** – God's rescue plan began immediately: a promised seed (Jesus) would defeat the serpent by putting him underfoot.

Point 2: Jesus' Victory Over the Enemy

- **1 John 3:8** – Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.
- **Colossians 2:15** – On the cross, Jesus disarmed the devil and removed his authority.
- **Matthew 28:18–19** – All authority given to Jesus; we are commissioned to act in His name.
- Full destruction of evil will come at the end (**Revelation 20–21**).

Point 3: Living in the “Until” Season

- We are in a time between Jesus' victory and the final fulfillment.
- **Psalm 110:1–3** – Jesus is seated in heaven “until His enemies are made His footstool”; we are His willing “troops” extending His reign.
- **Hebrews 2:5–9, Hebrews 10:12–14** – Not all things are under Jesus' feet yet, but we see Jesus crowned and waiting.
- Two extremes to avoid:
 - “*Heaven is fully now*” – leads to disappointment when life is hard.
 - “*Heaven is only after death*” – leads to passivity and disbelief in God's power now.
- Balanced truth: We have authority and purpose now, even though the battle is not over.

Conclusion & Life Applications

- The Jewish nation missed their messiah because they misunderstood the TIMING of His final victory. Let's not make the same mistake.
- **Hebrews 10:19–25** – Be bold in prayer, committed to community, and unwavering in hope.
- Respond actively: Don't shrink back—step into your calling with confidence and clarity.

Questions

1. What stood out to you most about God's original plan for humanity?
2. What do you think Jesus has already done—and what is still happening now?
3. What part do you think you personally play in putting Jesus' enemies “underfoot”?

Scriptures Quoted in this talk:

1Jo 3:8 NKJV - "8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**"

1Jo 5:19 NKJV - "19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one."

Questions that arise:

- If Jesus defeated Satan, why is he still active? How much has Jesus defeated Satan?
- What is my part still to play, what does God want me to do, and what tools and power do I have?

Psa 8:3-6 NKJV — "3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,"

Gen 1:26-28 NKJV - "26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.""

Gen 3:21 NKJV - "21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them."

Gen 3:15 NKJV - "15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.""

Mat 28:18-20 NKJV - "18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

Ephesians 1:9-10 - a summary of God's eternal purpose and overarching goal.

2Ti 1:10 NKJV - "10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished (*katargeo*) **death** and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,"

Heb 2:14 NKJV - "14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy (*katargeo*) him who had the power of death, that is, the **devil**,"

Rom 6:6 NKJV - "6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of **sin** might be done away with (*katargeo*) , that we should no longer be slaves of sin."

Col 2:15 NKJV - "15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

Revelation 20:10, 14 - the final destruction of sin, Satan and death will happen at the very end.

Psa 110:1-3 NIV - "The LORD says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." 2 The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of your enemies!" 3 Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy splendor, your young men will come to you like dew from the morning's womb."

Hebrews 2:5-9 & Hebrews 10:12-14, 19-25, 32-39 - a description of what Jesus has done and how it should play out in believers' lives.