

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”?