

19:17-24 The Permissive Will of God in the Crucifixion

Series: Who is Jesus, the Christ?

Reading – John 19:17-24 13th November, 2016

This morning we want to start with a fuller explanation of something I said last week. I made the statement that “No sin is outside of God’s will.” What I was thinking and meant to say was that no sin is outside of God’s permissive will, or outside of His control. I was questioned about that after the service and it is worth explaining and looking at. We have many verses that illustrate this, but let’s look at several with regard to the crucifixion. As we look at this, we need to understand that this was God’s will, it was done in accordance with His plan, and yet it was done by the free will actions of men.

- Verses where God restrains or allows
 - **Psa 76:10** “Surely the wrath of man shall praise You; With the remainder of wrath You shall gird Yourself.”
 - **Luke 4:30; John 7:30; John 7:44; John 8:20**
 - **Luke 4:28-30** “²⁸ So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, ²⁹ and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. ³⁰ Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.”
 - **John 8:20** “These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.”
 - **Luke 22:52-53** “⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³ When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”
 - **Romans 1:24, 26, & 28** God gave them up, God gave them up, God gave them over...
 - God withdraws as man looks after sin and rejects, seeks to forget God. (Heart of man)
 - Yet God never actively causes evil.
 - **James 1:12-17** “¹² Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. (Psalms 119:160 NAS / ESV Sum = truth)
 - **1 John 1:5** “This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.”
 - **John 1:4** “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”
 - **John 1:9** “That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.”
 - **John 8:12** “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”
 - **John 9:5** “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”
 - **John 12:35** “Then Jesus said to them, A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.”
 - **John 12:36** “While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light. These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.”
 - Shows us the fallen nature of the human heart.

- **Jeremiah 17:9** “The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?”
- **Romans 3:10-12** ¹⁰ “As it is written: There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.”
 - Every action outside of God is tainted with our sin, for our glory, our name.
 - Christians that are talking about black being in their place, women being in there place...
 - Liberal News, but KKK claimed to be Christian. We must live for the Lord. Love and Truth.
- God is not unjust when He allows us to do what we choose and want to do. He restrains sin through common grace (laws of the land; knowledge of good and evil, the 10 commandments). These are blessings from Him. These things build a nation, build families, build individuals, BUT these things don't save a soul... Knowledge alone doesn't save a soul. It is a work of God (John 3:8 born of the Spirit). It is God who must answer and save men. It produces the fruit of obedience (**Matthew 7:21** He who does the will of my Father in Heaven... Not a Salvation of works, but if you are a new creation, grafted into the vine, you will have the life of the vine in you. You will bear fruit, rich fruit...). **Mat 7:16-20** ...Therefore by their fruits you will know them. Vs 16 & 20 say it. Chiasm. Bad tree can't bring forth good fruit...
- Without God, we bear fruit of evil. **Acts 2:22-24** ²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know ²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴ whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.”
- Why does God save us this way? Two reasons: First is for His glory.
 - **Eph. 1:6, 12, and 14** To the praise of the glory of His grace.... For His glory!
 - **Eph 2:7** “That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”
 - **Eph 3:10** “To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.”
 - **Pro 16:4** “The LORD has made all for Himself, Yes, even the wicked for the day of doom.”
 - **Isa 43:21** “This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise.”
 - **Luk 2:14** “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”
 - **Rom 9:23** “And that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,”
 - **Rom 9:24** “Even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?”
 - **2Co 4:15** “For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.”
 - **Phi 1:11** “Being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”
 - **1Pe 2:9** “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”
 - **1Pe 4:11** “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
- God is worthy of our praise, honor and respect. Nothing compares to Him. If you hold anything up, in any way next to Him, it becomes an idol...

- The second reason is so that salvation is sure.
 - **Romans 4:16** “Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed,”
 - **Gal. 3:22** “But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.”
- So this takes us to the crucifixion. God sent His son to this world to die...to be a sacrifice. It was the will of God to do this (Isaiah 53:10).
 - **Luke 22:42** “Saying, Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”

So what do we see in the crucifixion? We see God’s control (time, hearts of men, circumstances), God’s justice in paying for sin, God’s hatred of sin, His wisdom to save completely, and the awfulness of our lost nature. Without God’s grace, there go I. Let us cast our cares on Him and call out to Him.