

God's Purpose Cannot Fail

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In Romans 16:25-27 Paul speaks of a secret which was hushed for long ages, yet manifested now. This secret concerns the removal of the barriers of enmity between mankind and God (Romans 5:2). The key word is conciliation (Romans 5:10-11; II Corinthians 5:18-21), which refers to the change from estrangement to peace.

"*All is of God*" (II Corinthians 5:18); man had no part in the opening of the approach. It was all of God, through Christ. The work of Adam had closed the approach. The work of God's Son on the cross opened the gates of peace.

Since the evangel which we receive centers on God's achievement and not man's, it leads to His glory. "*The evangel of the glory of the happy God*" (I Timothy 1:11) is a message that tells us that God will not be frustrated in His will to save all mankind (I Timothy 2:4). Man cannot eternally oppose his Creator's will, especially when this will is based on the blood of the cross of God's beloved Son (Colossians 1:20).

God has a secret of His will which gives Him delight (Ephesians 1:9), and that is to head up the universe in the Christ (Ephesians 1:10). He cannot be defeated in this happy purpose.

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