

MERCIFUL • 2 Peter 3:8-9
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God's will is_____.

Nobody on earth has the right to decide when God must act!

Only God is sovereign in all things.

From God's point of view there is no delay in Christ's Second Coming:

There is patient design and salvation design.

Q: Verse 9's "for any", any of whom?

For the scope of v.9's teaching, we must ask and answer at least 7 questions:

1. Overall, is God reactive or pro-active in His doings?
2. Overall, is God reactive or pro-active in His saving of sinners?
3. Is God passively waiting for the last elect person to choose Christ OR is God persistently working on the last elect person to be saved?
4. Was God reactive or proactive in ...
 - a) the creation?
 - b) the exodus?
 - c) the incarnation of Christ (the Christmas event)?
 - d) the crucifixion of His Son?
 - e) the resurrection of His Son?
5. Regarding the case study or YOU: Was God reactive or pro-active in the matter of your conversion/salvation?
6. Is it not that the following verses must be able to be reconciled to each other?
 - a) 2 Peter 3:9 and Matthew 20:28.
 - b) 1 Timothy 2:3-4 and John 10:11.
 - c) Ezekiel 18:23 & 32 & 33:11 and Ephesians 5:25.
 - d) John 3:16 and John 17:9.
 - e) Romans 11:32 and Romans 9:6-29.
7. Is there anything that God wishes that does not come to pass?
What? How? Why?
See Psalm 115:3

Conclusion

God's will is merciful.

It isn't just with LOST persons that God is tremendously merciful and longsuffering. Our God is also and always tremendously merciful and longsuffering to His_____people ... us!

1st Case in Point:_____.

(Exodus 34:6; Numbers 14:18; Nehemiah 9:17;
Psalm 86:15; Psalm 145:8. Etc)

2nd Case in Point: The Church.

(2 Peter 3:9, 15; 1 Timothy 3:16; Colossians 1;11;
Luke 18:17; Colossians 3:12-15 Etc)

Personal Notes:

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you understand 2 Peter 3:9? Why?

2. Are you passing on God's mercy to others each day? Why or why not?

3. Is God ever truly reactive? Defend your answer.
