Why Doesn't God Save Everybody?

There must be a good, solid biblical reason.

After all, with God all things are possible (Matt. 19:26; Luke 1:37).

That being the case, we can rule out the suggestion it is impossible for God to save everyone.

Therefore, since it is possible for God to save everyone, yet most are not saved, we must consider other reasons.

Perhaps it is God's earnest desire all are saved, but He magnanimously leaves the ultimate decision up to mankind.

In that way God cannot be blamed if man decides against Him.

Man simply received what he wanted.

He wanted nothing to do with a holy God and His Christ.

God, however, will receive part of the glory for those who do accept Christ.

For it was God's gift of Christ which enabled the possibility of salvation in the first place.

This strain of hypothetical reasoning requires man's 'free will' to either remain intact after the Fall of Adam, or it requires God to graciously bestow Adam's progeny with 'free will' after the Fall.

Those who hold to the former are numbered among the Pelagians.

http://www.theopedia.com/pelagianism

Those who hold to the latter are numbered among Wesleyans and Arminians who preach Prevenient Grace.

http://www.theopedia.com/prevenient-grace

Those who hold to the doctrine of man's 'free will' agree that God's election unto salvation is determined by God's eternal prescience which foresees those who will accept the gift of Christ before they die.

Those who accept Christ are elected unto salvation.

What isn't explained by those who hold the doctrine of 'free will' is the fact that of all the nations and tribes on Earth during Old Testament times, only Israel was given knowledge of the coming Messiah the Savior (Amos 3:2; Romans 9:4-5).

No matter how 'free' the will, the will cannot will that of which it has no knowledge (Psalm 147:19-20; Acts 14:16).

Thus, untold millions have perished without knowledge of Christ or the Gospel.

Was that God's intention?

Either God knew what He was doing or He is a very confused God.

Christians believe He is all-wise and does nothing capriciously or erratically.

Thus, we must conclude God did not intend to save those millions.

Next, we must examine the theory of 'free will' as it pertains to the New Testament world.

God elects unto salvation those who He foreknows will freely choose Christ.

But what about those He foreknows will freely reject Christ?

If God truly 'loved' all people, why would He condemn those He loved to an eternity of torment?

Some 'free will' believers preach the unbiblical doctrine of annihilation, thereby eliminating the possibility of God being charged with propagating a 'cruel and unusual punishment.'

Those 'free will' believers who hold to the doctrine of eternal punishment find themselves overlooking several inconsistencies.

1. Since God knows all things, He certainly knows why certain men accept Christ while others do not.

That being the case, why then does He not reconstruct His creation in such a way that all men will, of their own free will, accept Jesus?

Remember, with God all things are possible.

2. Would it not be more 'loving' of God to not create those men He 'foreknows' will freely reject Christ?

To what 'loving' purpose is there to torment unbelievers forever?

3. To what purpose was the testing of Adam and Eve?

Did God test Adam and Eve to determine what His next move should be?

Or did the testing of Adam and Eve prove the fallacy of the doctrine that states sinful man is 'free' to choose for or against God?

CONCLUSION: It is not, nor has it ever been God's eternal intention/purpose to save every human ever born.

Rather, God's eternal intention/purpose is to save those of His choosing, irrespective of their unbelief, unwillingness, spiritual deadness, blindness, deafness, and hatred, all to the praise of His glorious grace (Romans 9:11-23).

All others will bring praise to His glorious justice.

Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? (Romans 9:21).

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:15).