

Limited Atonement

Introduction:

- A. What would you say if I told you that God doesn't really love **all** the world and that Christ died **only** for a chosen few?
- B. This is exactly what the Calvinistic doctrine of limited atonement teaches.
"Christ died only for the elect, and purchased redemption only for the elect; and in no sense did he die for the rest of the race" (Expository Comments in **Presbyterian Confession of Faith**).
- C. Why is the doctrine of limited atonement false?
- I. It limits the love of God.
 - A. Christ died for as many people as God loves. - Romans 5:8
"... the love exhibited on Calvary is itself a distinguishing love and not a love that is indiscriminately universal" (John Murray, Presbyterian, **Redemption - Accomplished and Applied**. 79).
 - B. God loves the whole world. - John 3:16-17
- II. The people for whom Christ died may be lost. - Romans 14:15; 1 Corinthians 8:11; 2 Peter 2:1
- III. It denies God's desire that all be saved. - 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9
- IV. It makes a farce of the Great Commission. - Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19; Titus 2:11-12
 - A. Why preach to the elect; they will be saved anyway?
 - B. Why preach to the non-elect; they will be lost anyway?
- V. The Scriptures repeatedly state in unmistakable language that Christ died for all mankind, without either **distinction** or **exception**.
 - A. John 1:29
 - B. John 3:16-17
 - C. John 6:33
 - D. John 6:51
 - E. John 12:32-33
 - F. Romans 5:18
 - G. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
 - H. 2 Corinthians 5:19
 - I. 1 Timothy 2:5-6
 - J. Hebrews 2:9
 - K. 1 John 2:1-2
 - L. 1 John 4:14

Conclusion:

- A. God be thanked, the "good news" of Christ - redemption through His blood - is for **all the human race!**
 - 1. God loves all.
 - 2. Christ died for all.
 - 3. All who will may come go Him.
- B. Will you come? - Matthew 11:28-30