

13. LIMITED ATONEMENT (pt.1)

- the limits of language
 - Calvinists & Arminians agree on these limits of the atonement:
 - the point of contention over the atonement:
- overview:
 - > Loraine Boettner's summary of the debate: "For the Calvinist [Christ's atonement] is like a narrow bridge which goes all the way across the stream; for the Arminian it is like a great wide bridge which goes only half-way across."¹
 - exploration of the debate *biblically*
 - Father's intent in sending the Son? to secure salvation ...or make it possible?

Mt. 1:21; Lk. 19:10; Gal. 1:3-4; 1 Tim. 1:15; Rom. 5:10; Heb. 9:12; Jn. 10:14-16
 - what did Christ's death accomplish?

Is. 53:11; Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28; Jn. 15:13; Tit. 2:14; 1 Jn. 2:2a, 4:10
 - exploration of the debate *logically*
 - > Charles Spurgeon: "If Christ has died for you, you can never be lost. God will not punish twice for one thing. If God punished Christ for your sins He will not punish you. 'Payment God's justice cannot twice demand; first, at the bleeding Saviour's hand, and then again at mine.' How can God be just if he punished Christ, the substitute, and then man himself afterwards?"²

¹Loraine Boettner, *The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination* (Presbyterian and Reformed, 1932), p. 153.

² In Boettner, p. 155, Spurgeon reference not cited.