

The Perfection of the Atonement

Review / Introduction

I. Four Features Demonstrating the Atonement's Perfection...

A. *Historic Objectivity...*

Galatians 4:4-5; I Timothy 2:5-6

B. *Finality...*

Hebrews 1:3; 9:12, 25-28

C. *Uniqueness...*

"Christ alone died for our sins..."

1. Not as a mere example... (Moral theory of the atonement...)
2. God's love displayed in the atonement is a holy love...
3. The uniqueness is seen in His person and work...
 - a. He is Divine... *John 1:1; 5:18; Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13*
 - b. His perfect and complete humanity... *I Timothy 2:5*
 - c. He is the God-man... *Romans 1:3-4; Hebrews 1:2, 8*
 - d. His sinless integrity... *Romans 8:3; Hebrews 5:8; Isaiah 53:9; John 8:46*

Lesson: The uniqueness of His person and work ensure the perfection and sufficiency of His atonement...

Ephesians 5:2; I Timothy 2:6; Hebrews 1:3; 7:27; 9:21

4. His mission... *Psalms 40:6-8; John 10:17, 18*

D. *Intrinsic Efficacy...*

See LBC chapter 8, Para. 5

The Extent of the Atonement

What is the Question?

Introduction: Calvinists believe in a limited atonement...Arminians object...

1. How can the atonement be wonderful and glorious if it is limited to some?

Question: What is the real problem in understanding for the Arminian?

2. You cannot preach the Gospel to all men—without distinction—as commanded by Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20, if Christ did not die to save everyone.
3. Limited atonement stifles if not kills evangelism.
4. The Bible teaches in numerous passages that Christ died to save “all” the “world.”

Conclusion: We need a Savior who truly saves...

Application: