

The Extent of the Atonement pt. II

Review / Introduction

I. The Issue Defined...

A. A Very Simple Yet Vital Issue...

“Is the atonement by the death of Christ limited; that is for the elect alone? Or is it unlimited, general, for all men and every man?”

B. The necessity and nature of Christ’s work on the cross demands we hold to limited atonement.

C. The Issue Clarified...

1. The Calvinist view—“salvation is certain for the elect...”
2. The Arminain view—“salvation is possible for all...”

Question: Does it really matter or is this theological hair splitting?

II. The Biblical Evidence for Limited Atonement...

A. There is the language of Scripture...

B. Biblical Passages Considered...

1. *Matthew 1:21* and the significance of the words “His people...”

The Point: Jesus came to save only those and all of those given to Him by the Father... *John 6:37, 39*

2. *John 10:11, 14-16, 26-29*

Here is Jesus’ own testimony that teaches a limited or particular atonement. He does not lay down His life for the goats...

3. Throughout John’s Gospel... *John 3:16*

John 6:40, 44, 65; 17:6, 9, 20, 21, 24...

4. Other Passages teaching limited atonement...

Acts 20:2

Ephesians 5:25

Romans 4:25

Galatians 1:4; 3:13

Romans 8:33

Romans 5:9

5. The “Special people” passages...

I Corinthians 6:20; 7:23

Titus 2:14 cf. I Peter 1:2 with 2:9

Hebrews 1:3; 9:12; 10:14

6. The “many” passages...

Matthew 26:28

Mark 10:45

Hebrews 9:28

III. The Importance of Limited Atonement Emphasized...

Application: Do not be ashamed of the Gospel...