

CALVINISM AND ARMINIANISM #5 - LIMITED ATONEMENT

1 JOHN 2:2

Calvinists teach when Christ died on the cross, He shed His blood only for those who have been elected and no one else. They now call this "Particular Redemption."

I. FALSE TEACHERS

- A. II PETER 2:1-2 - Denying the Lord that bought them
 - 1. Look at the words God uses for false teacher
 - 2. Look what the false teachers are denying
 - 3. To say God is limited in atonement is false
- B. Rain and Shine - False principle of "general grace"
 - 1. Some Calvinists: Christ's purchased for all
 - 2. They try to get out of "limiting" God
 - 3. Not true - MATT. 5:45 - No mention of CROSS!
- C. "For the sheep" - JOHN 10:15
 - 1. Argument that He ONLY died for the sheep
 - 2. Other places say FRIENDS / MANY / CHURCH
 - 3. But the Bible doesn't say that
 - a. Whosoever shall call - ROM. 10:13
 - b. To him who is thirsty - REV. 21:6
 - c. All who are weary - MATT. 11:28
 - d. Every tribe and people and nation - REV. 5:9

II. UNIVERSAL ATONEMENT NOT UNIVERSALISM

- A. Atonement reparation for offense or injury
 - 1. Means "satisfaction." At "one-ment"
 - 2. Relationship with God broken / unified again
- B. Universalism teaches that ALL people will be saved
 - 1. False - Faith is required - Believe ACTS 16:31
 - 2. ROMANS 10:9 / EPH. 2:8 / JOHN 20:31
- C. World contrasts with Whosoever in JOHN 3:16

III. THE BIBLICAL MODEL

- A. The Bronze Serpent in the Wilderness - NUM. 21:4-9
- B. Picture of Christ - JOHN 3:14-21
- C. Christ took our place - 2 COR. 5:21

Conclusion: If atonement is limited then God is NOT all-powerful. Christ died for all, offers Salvation to all. God, in His sovereignty, gave us free will to accept His free gift.