

CALVINISM AND ARMINIANISM #6 - UNLIMITED ATONEMENT

ROMANS 5:8-10

Arminians teach that when Christ died on the cross, He shed His blood for everyone - so that He paid a provisional price for all but guaranteed it for none.

I. SIN DEBT

- A. Every human who will or has ever lived is a sinner
 - 1. All have sinned - ROM. 3:10-12, 23
 - 2. Therefore, all humans earn death - ROM. 6:23
 - 3. God has already judged sin / it is condemned
- B. Atonement: "Satisfaction or reparation for an injury."
 - 1. Propitiation - covering or atoning sacrifice
 - 2. Jesus is our propitiation - 1 John 2:2, 4:10
 - 3. Righteousness: Ours (filthy rags) / His (blood)
- C. The Question: Limited or Unlimited?

II. UNIVERSALISM

- A. Not everyone will be Saved and eventually go to Heaven
 - 1. Jesus tells us - MATT. 7:13-14,22-23 & 25:46
 - 2. Names written in the Book of Life - REV. 20:15
- B. This does not prove limited atonement (Calvinistic)
- C. It only signifies a lack of response by some people

III. ARMINIANISM

- A. "Unlimited atonement" does not exist, or all are Saved
 - 1. God is not universally satisfied for our sins
 - 2. Instead: Unlimited OFFER of Atonement
 - 3. His power is unlimited, the account is open
 - 4. Only those who RESPOND receive atonement
- B. Behold the Lamb of God - JOHN 1:29
 - 1. Sin - singular, not plural
 - 2. How many sins had you committed 2000 years ago?
 - 3. The account is open / Jesus is not bound by time

IV. BIBLE SOTERIOLOGY

- A. God offers Salvation to all - 1 PETER 3:20
- B. No one is excluded regardless of reason - ACTS 10:34
- C. Not everyone will accept God's Free Gift

Conclusion: The "offer of full atonement" is truly unlimited. This is often taught using the word "atonement" incorrectly. Atonement must be APPLIED in order to satisfy the offense.