


**Calvinism :**  
**Limited Atonement**

- **T.U.L.I.P;** Calvin's doctrinal system as it relates to the spiritual condition of man.
  - **T**otal Hereditary Depravity
  - U**nconditional Election
  - L**imited Atonement
  - I**rresistible Grace
  - P**erseverance of the Saints



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- **Definition of Terms**
  - *Limited* – restricted, confined within boundaries
  - *Atonement* – reconciliation, redemption





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- What Do The Creeds of Men Say?
  - “We believe that God has an elect people whom he has chosen unto eternal salvation. We believe that the atonement of Christ was for that chosen number and no one else.” (Eddie Garrett, Primitive Baptist, The Christian Baptist, March 1972)
  - “He came into the world to represent and save only those given to him by the Father. Thus Christ’s saving work was limited in that it was designed to save some and not others.” (David Steele, Calvinism Defined, Documented and Defended, pg 39)



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- Proof Texts???
- “Our” and “Us” not “them”
  - Isa. 53:4-6
  - Titus 2:14
  - 1 Cor. 5:7
- “Many” not “all”
  - Isa. 53:12; Matt. 20:28; 26:28
- “Sheep” not “goats”
  - Jn. 10:11, 15





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- Limited Atonement Refuted
- *The Bible says that Christ died for the whole world.*

**“[God] who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all.”**

**(1 Tim 2:4-6)**



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**“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”**

**(John 3:14-17)**





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- Limited Atonement Refuted
- *The Bible says that Christ died for the whole world.*
- “For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.” (1 Tim 4:10)
- “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.” (Heb 2:9)
- “Then the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.’” (Luke 2:10)



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- Limited Atonement Refuted
- *The Bible says that Christ died for sinners*
- “For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom 5:6-8)
- “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” (1 Tim 1:15)
- “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10)





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- Limited Atonement Refuted
- *The Bible says that Christ even died for those that have fallen away*
  - “Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.” (Rom 14:15)
  - “And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?” (1 Cor 8:11)



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- Limited Atonement Refuted
- *The Bible says that Christ even died for those that have fallen away*
  - “Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?” (Heb 10:29)
  - “But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.” (2 Peter 2:1)





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- Limited Atonement Refuted
- *The Nail in the Coffin*



**“And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world”**

1 Jn. 2:2



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- **The Consequences of Limited Atonement:**
  - Restricts God’s love (2 Cor. 5:14)
  - Restricts God’s grace (Heb. 2:9)
  - It negates God’s will to save all men (2 Pet. 3:9)
  - It makes a mockery of the great commission to preach to all men when Christ did not die for all men. (Mk. 16:15-16)
  - It is error that will condemn souls to Hell (2 Jn 9)