

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT SALVATION

Study 5 – The Extent of the Atonement – For Whom Did Christ Die?

Introduction-

I. THE LIMITED ATONEMENT VIEW

1- Arguments for Limited Atonement

- a) The double payment argument
- b) Why would Christ die for the sins of those already in hell when He died?
- c) Some passages say Christ died for a select group

2- Objections to Limited Atonement

- a) Passages that limit His death do not exclude others
- b) If limited only to the church, what about OT saints?
- c) All the arguments favoring unlimited atonement

II. THE UNLIMITED ATONEMENT VIEW

1- Arguments for Unlimited Atonement

- a) Passages affirming Christ died for all
- b) Passages affirming Christ died for the world
- c) Passages extending the gospel to whoever will believe
- d) Passages suggesting God's love for the non-elect
- e) Passages affirming all in some sense are affected by the cross
- f) A passage affirming propitiation for the whole world
- g) A passage affirming reconciliation for the entire world
- h) The illustration of the Day of Atonement
- i) No one is saved unless they receive Christ by faith

2- Objections to Unlimited Atonement

- a) "All" is sometimes limited by the context
- b) "World" is sometimes limited by the context
- c) A passage affirming that God doesn't love some
- d) It doesn't make sense logically

3- Some Conclusions

- a) This is not an issue of logic
- b) Christ's death is a sufficient provision for the whole world, but is effectual only to those who believe
- c) Unlimited atonement is not universalism