

chosen & choosing

How God's life becomes ours

Week 4: Love Unlimited

Christ suffered for the sins of the world.
~ John Calvin

INTRODUCTION – Faith Is Not a Work

John 4:19; 6:28-29; Romans 3:28; 4:1-5; 9:30-32; Galatians 2:16

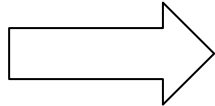
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

Jesus has accomplished everything every religion tries but fails to do. He has removed the barrier between you and God and even now pursues you with his Spirit. God has chosen to offer you infinite life as a free gift. Will you choose to accept it?

DINE IN – Limited Atonement (Particular Redemption)?

“TULIP”...

- Total Depravity
- Unconditional Election
- Limited Atonement
- Irresistible Grace
- Perseverance of the Saints



“GRACE”...

- God's Broken Image
- Reborn through Faith
- Atonement for All
- Chosen and Choosing
- Empowered to Grow

1) Limited atonement is logical, within a Calvinist framework.

2) Christ died for “many”.

Matthew 26:28; Mark 10:45
(But see Romans 5:12-19)

3) Christ died for his church, his sheep, his people.

Isaiah 53:8; Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:68; Galatians 3:13; Ephesians 5:25

LOOK TO THE BOOK – Atonement for All

1. God wants all to be saved...

Ezekiel 18:32; 33:10-11; Romans 5:12-19;
2 Corinthians 5:14-21; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; 2 Peter 3:9

2. Salvation is offered to all because Jesus died for all...

Isaiah 53:6; 55:1; Matthew 11:28; John 1:29; 3:16-19; 4:14, 42; 12:47
Acts 3:26; Romans 5:6, 18; 1 Corinthians 15:3; Titus 2:11;
Hebrews 2:9; 7:27; 9:12; 10:10; 1 John 2:2

3. Christ died even for people who refuse to believe...

Luke 22:20-21; Hebrews 10:26-27; 2 Peter 2:1

TAKE OUT – I'll Have That to Go Please

Jesus died for YOUR sins.

John 19:30

CONCLUSION – The Great Exchange

Galatians 2:20

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HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Warming Up...

1. As we pass the half-way mark in this series, are there any ways you notice your views on God and salvation changing? Growing? Becoming more open? Becoming more entrenched in what you already believed? Other?
2. After reviewing the message, talk about what most perplexed or encouraged you.

Look to the Book...

3. Read **Romans 5**. A) What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Why? B) Notice each place in the chapter that speaks of believers having already received something – justification, reconciliation, access to grace, love, hope, etc. How does this help distinguish the gospel from the way of religion? C) Have you ever gloried in your suffering as **verse 3** talks about? Why or why not? D) To what extent do you experience the love that **verse 5** talks about? When you don't, why do you think that is? E) Notice in **verse 9** that we are saved, not just from our sin, but from God's "wrath" (the anger of his judgment). Do you find it easier to think of God as loving or angry? How is he both? F) How might some Christians use this passage to contend that all people, without exception, will be saved through Christ? What do you think?

So What?...

4. In this series, we are suggesting that Calvinists view Scripture through a philosophical filter that tampers with their understanding of many straightforward Bible passages. A) What are some other filters that Christians approach the Bible with? B) What are your filters? What might you be missing in Scripture because of them? C) How can the "Community Hermeneutic" help us grow in this area? D) Close by praying that God helps us all learn from one another and thank God for the diversity of the Body of Christ.

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