

LIMITED ATONEMENT! GRACE PROVIDED ”

TEXT: Hebrews 9:11-12; 24-10:18

INTRO:

A. The word Atonement means at-one-ment ” to make at one.

1. The word atonement expresses the idea of the outcome accomplished by the work of Christ.
 - a. Sinful men are made one with God (reconciled to God) through the work of Christ.
 - b. In the O.T. it has to do with the sacrifice and the covering it produced by it shed blood.
2. In theology it has to do with the whole of the work of Christ and its outcome.

B. There are three basic views of the doctrine of the atonement of Christ.

1. Christ's death secured the salvation for every one and everyone will be saved (universalism).
 - a. Esau, The rich man, Judas, and a host of others in Hell refute this error!
2. Christ's death made POSSIBLE the salvation of everyone it made men savable (Arminianism).
 - a. This error attempts to magnify the work of Christ but in reality it mutilates it.
 - b. It makes Christ work a failure! (He came to save but did not!)
3. Christ's death secured the salvation of a certain number and ALL of that number will be saved.
 - a. This doctrine is biblical and is the ONLY one that glorifies Christ and his work.

C. Great issues are at stake concerning the doctrine of the atonement.

1. Reconciled or reconcilable? Redeemed or redeemable? Justified or Justifiable? Saved or Savable?

D. The best way to refute error is just preach the truth.

1. The truth of a limited atonement!

I. THE PROOF OF A LIMITED ATONEMENT.

A. It is proven by election!

1. There was a certain number given to Christ by the Father (John 6:37; 17:1-2; Eph.1:3).
 - a. This involves the covenant of redemption ” this covenant MUST STAND (Heb. 13:20)!
2. This number (His elect, His sheep, His people) is the ones Christ died for (Jn. 10:11-15, 26-31).
 - a. Christ did not die for any more or less than these.
 - b. His atonement is equally as efficient as it is sufficient.

B. It is proven by the Justice and Righteousness of God (Rom. 3:24-26).

1. God is ALWAYS Righteous & God is ALWAYS just in His dealings.
2. God's dealings with SIN in Christ declares God to be JUST and righteousness.”
 - a. God set forth Christ to be a propitiation (where judgment is executed and mercy is meted out) for the sins of the elect.
3. What did God DO in the Work of Christ?
 - a. God transferred the sins of His sinful elect to His sinless Christ.
 - 1.) God LAID the sins of the elect on Christ (Isa. 53:6, 11, 12; II Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; Heb. 9:28).
 - 2.) The sins of the elect were SO transferred to Christ that our sins BECAME His sins (Psa. 40:12; 69:5).
 - b. God punished these sins in Christ (Isa. 53:4-6, 10-11).
 - 1.) Christ became GUILTY, and was JUSTLY condemned in the PLACE of certain sinners.
4. If God TRANSFERRED the guilt and penalty of sin to Christ He would be UNJUST in His dealings if He charged ANYONE with those sins again (Rom. 8:1-4, 32-34).

C. It is proven by WHAT Christ actually DID when he bore our sins.

1. Christ came to this earth for a PURPOSE and ACCOMPLISHED it (Heb. 10:1-7, 12-14).
2. Christ PURGED (to make a cleansing) our sin (Heb. 1:3).

3. Christ OBTAINED (to buy out of) redemption (Heb. 9:12)
4. Christ PUT AWAY our sins Like the scapegoat (Heb. 9:26)
 - a. They are so PUT AWAY that when he comes again he will appear WITHOUT SIN (Heb. 9:28).
5. If Christ DID what the SCRIPTURE said He did then his atonement MUST be limited or else everyone without exception will be saved.
6. Christ s' atonement actually accomplished all God intended it to accomplish.

II. THE POWER OF A LIMITED ATONEMENT.

A. It secures the salvation of a vast number (the elect) (Matt. 1:21).

1. The atonement of Christ did not make sinners s'aveable or j'ustificable or r'edeemable "It ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISHED what it was intended to accomplish.
2. It b'ring US to God (I Peter 3:18).
3. It is THROUGH the work of Christ and His shed blood that the Holy Spirit Applies the BENEFITS of the atonement (Titus 3:5-6) ALL WE HAVE IS IN CHRIST !"

B. It sanctifies a vast number (the elect).

1. The ground of our devotion is CHRIST S' atonement IN OUR place (II Cor. 5:14-15; I Cor. 6:19-20; I Pet. 1:13-19).
2. If the work of Christ does not CHANGE your life your life will NEVER change!
3. The power of HOLY living is found ONLY in the atonement (Rom. 12:1-2).

C. It strengthens our preaching.

1. If Christ s' work on the cross was an accomplishment we have someone to preach about.
2. We have the MESSAGE of the FINISHED work of Christ!

CON:

A. Christ work was an accomplishment!

B. If you are lost your only hope is that Christ DIED for you!

1. Salvation is not so much your a'ceptance of God, but God s' acceptance of you.
2. If you are to be accepted of God Christ is the ONLY way for you to be accepted.

C. If you can see your self the sinner you are and the righteous, holy, Saviour he is, then you can know that His atonement was for you.

1. Repent and believe the gospel (Heb. 7:25)!