

# Message Notes

## Limited Atonement

**Introduction** - *My Journey into Reformed Theology*

*Three Pillars about God*

GOOD - 1 John 1:5

SOVEREIGN - Proverbs 21:1

LOVING - Romans 5:8

*Embrace the Mystery. Love it. Don't go into analysis paralysis!*

**This week's message**

Limited Atonement:

*Sufficient for All, but Efficient only for Believers*

**Why each letter of TULIP is potentially dangerous**

**What do we mean by "limited atonement"?**

**The Beauty of the Atonement**

Romans 3:22b-26

**Sufficient for EVERYONE**

John 3:10-21

1 John 2:2

**Effective only for those who BELIEVE**

Hebrews 9:23-28

**So, what do we gain from this flame from the Reformation?**

What the atonement of Jesus doesn't mean:

UNIVERSALISM [Universal Atonement for ALL] - Luke 13:3

HYPHER-CALVINISM [Determinism/Fatalism Approach to Atonement] - Christ only died for the elect and therefore, there is no bona fide offer of the gospel message to ALL people. The elect will respond.

Acts 2:37-39

HAPHAZARD ATONEMENT [Possible Atonement]

What the atonement of Jesus does mean:

VICTORIOUS ATONEMENT [Sufficient and Efficient] - Full and Robust Atonement of Jesus that is Completely Sufficient for EVERY SINGLE PERSON who has, is, or ever will exist. In addition, this Victorious Atonement is Completely Effective for ANYONE AND ONLY FOR those BELIEVE (also known as the ELECT)

**Gospel Application** - "*Jesus is the Savior of the World.*

*Is he yours? Do you embrace the Son?"*

1 John 3:9-13

# Scripture Passages

*(taken from the New International Version)*

**Romans 3:25-26**

<sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, <sup>m</sup> through the shedding of his blood - to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished - <sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

**1 John 2:2**

<sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

**John 3:14-18**

<sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

**Hebrews 9:23-28**

<sup>23</sup>It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. <sup>24</sup>For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. <sup>25</sup>Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. <sup>26</sup>Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

**Luke 13:3 / Acts 2:37-39**

**1 John 5:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.