

QUESTION: WHO DID JESUS DIE FOR?

Reference: miscellaneous Scripture

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There are two major soteriological systems in evangelicalism: Calvinism and Arminianism

Protestant reformer and theologian **John Calvin** (1509-1564) articulated a soteriological system now called Calvinism.

Then a Dutch theologian named **Jacob Arminius** (1560-1609) in 1608 attempted to refute the excesses of Calvinism.

Then after his death in 1610, some of his minister associations put together his critique and comments into published form called the Five Arminian articles.

In 1619, the refutation of Arminianism was then presented to and ratified by the state Church Council of Holland called the Great Synod of Dort (Dordrecht) and that formal refutation is commonly referred to as the five points of Calvinism. Those five points are found in the acrostic **TULIP**

T _____ depravity (means than man is unable to save himself)

U _____ election (means God has elected some (and not others) to salvation)

L _____ atonement (this morning's message)

I _____ grace (means the divine grace that brings the elect to salvation cannot ultimately be resisted)

P _____ of the saints (means the elect cannot lose their salvation)

Because of the technical and complex nature of those arguments we are going to address only one of those tenets; the one that concerns the extent of Christ's sacrificial death: i.e. the atonement. The term atonement is to be understood as _____-_____.

There are two different historical positions on this subject.

_____ ATONEMENT:

Formal statement: the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ was _____ to save all people but _____ for only a limited number (i.e. that limited number is those that believe and receive salvation)

_____ ATONEMENT:

Formal statement: the sacrificial death of Jesus was not intended to make salvation possible for all mankind, but intended to _____ the _____ of those that are elected to salvation

This message is going to emphasize eight biblical references and statements that refute limited atonement and, instead, teach that Jesus Christ did, in fact, die for all sins from all people from all time.

One... **Isaiah 53:6**, "*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and **the LORD** (God) **has laid on Him** (the messianic Jesus) **the iniquity** (sin) **of us all.**"*

Two... **I Timothy 4:10**, "*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.**"*

Three... **I John 2:2**, "*And He (Jesus) Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only **but also for the whole world.**"*

Four... **John 1:29**, "*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold! **The Lamb of God** (Jesus is the ultimate sacrificial lamb) **who takes away the sin of the world!**'"*

Five... **I Timothy 2:5 and 6a**,

verse five, "*For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men (that mediator is not the pastor or priest, or the virgin Mary, or a dead saint, but that mediator is...) **the Man Christ Jesus.***

verse six a, "***who gave Himself** (as a sacrifice on the cross) **a ransom for all** (not some)..."*

Six... **Hebrews 2:9**, "*But we see Jesus, who was made (in His human form) **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** (His sacrifice on the cross) **for everyone.**"*

Seven... **John 3:16**, "*For **God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son** (His one and only unique Son and that Son is Jesus; Jesus is a unique Son because He is the same as God) **that whoever believes in Him** (Jesus) **should not perish** (in hell) **but have everlasting life** (in heaven)."*

Eight... **II Peter 2:1**, "*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.**"*