

## Reformed Evangelism - #4

**Limited Atonement** – is the biblical doctrine that teaches that the death of Christ was substitutionary, designed by God to pay for the sins of His people and guarantee their salvation... Though the death of Jesus Christ was sufficient for all sinners—its purpose and application was intended to save only God's elect. – Matthew 1:21 ... John 10:14-15, 26 ... Ephesians 5:25.

### Three Atonement alternatives...

**1<sup>st</sup> – UNLIMITED (Universal Atonement)** – Jesus died for all mankind...

**2<sup>nd</sup> – LIMITED in its EFFICACY** – Jesus died for everyone—but, only believers are saved and receive eternal life...

**3<sup>rd</sup> – LIMITED in its INTENT (Definite Atonement)** – Christ died as a Substitute for a definite number of specified persons given to Him by the Father—these will all believe – John 6:37-40... 17:1-2, 6,9,20...

(1<sup>st</sup>) ARGUMENT OF JUSTICE – God's perfect justice would never allow Him to punish Christ and the sinner for the same sins...

(2<sup>nd</sup>) ARGUMENT OF RELATIONSHIP – **Shepherd** – John 10:11,14-16, 24-28...  
**Husband** – Ephesians 5:23-32

*(Mt 1:21) "...you shall call His name JESUS, for He WILL SAVE His people from their sins."*

But, what do you say about those **verses that say that Jesus Christ died for the whole world?** – John 3:16-18... 4:39-42...

2 Corinthians 5:18-19...

1 John 2:2> John 11:48-52...

**Charles Spurgeon** – *‘...when you see Christ hurled upon his back, upon the wooden cross, you see the whole company of his elect there; and when you see the nails driven through his blessed hands and feet, it is the whole body of his Church who there, in their substitute, are nailed to the tree. And now the soldiers lift the cross, and dash it into the socket prepared for it. His bones are every one of them dislocated, and his body is thus torn with agonies which cannot be described. 'Tis manhood suffering there; 'tis the Church suffering there, in the substitute. And when Christ dies, you are to look upon the death of Christ, not as his own dying merely, but as the dying of all those for whom he stood as the scapegoat and the substitute. It is true, Christ died really himself; it is equally true that he did not die for himself, but died as the substitute, in the room, place, and stead of all believers. When you die you will die for yourselves; when Christ died, he died for you, if you be a believer in him. When you pass through the gates of the grave, you go there solitary and alone; you are not the representative of a body of men, but you pass through the gates of death as an individual; but, remember, when Christ went through the sufferings of death, he was the representative Head of all his people.’* - C.H. Spurgeon, *New Park Street Pulpit* - #173 *The Death of Christ*

★ **A Great encouragement for evangelism** – John 10:16

**William Payne** – *‘...what more stunning message of the love of Christ to us is there than the message of a particular redemption? To know that Jesus Christ died for ME; that His atonement was not just a vague general "something" done for everyone in general but none in particular, but that I was on His heart when He died; that is a shattering revelation; that brings the soul down low before the cross in wonder and in awe.’* - <http://livingwatercc.org/images/VarArticles/Limites%20Atonement%20-%20Its%20Implications%20of%20Evangelism%20-%20Payne.PDF>