



Why The Cross? Resurrection 2010 For Whom Did Christ Die?

It Is Enough—Unlimited Atonement

Christ fully met every requirement necessary for a just God to freely forgive sin and rescue man back into His fellowship.
“Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah...has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.” *Rev 5:5*
“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! *John 1:29*

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever** believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

Introduction: What is atonement?

- 1. Word definition:** Hebrew ‘kippor’ which means to ‘cover.’ Jewish men wear a ‘kippah’ which symbolizes this covering.
- 2. Old Testament example:** The Old Testament provides the picture (and the type) of Christ’s death accomplished. The sins of an individual or the nation were placed on a sacrificial animal (usually a lamb) and the sin was ‘covered’ (atonement) by the blood of the sacrifice.

A. Did Christ Die For All?

- 1. Limited atonement:** Some believe that Christ ONLY died for the elect, those whom He predestined to be saved before the foundation of the world.
- 2. Unlimited atonement:** Not only did Christ die for the elect—He died for the whole world—for each individual:
 - a. Isa 53:6** (see sidebar)
 - b. John 1:29** “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
 - c. 1 Tim 2:5-6** “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all...”
 - d. 1 John 2:2** “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”
 - e. 2 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.”
 - f. Heb 2:9** “But we see Jesus, who was made 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 for everyone.”

B. If Christ Died for All—Why Are Not All Saved?

- 1. Personal application:** On the first Passover in *Exodus 12* God required that blood be placed on the door posts. Paul says in *1 Cor 5:7 ESV* “For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.” To be ‘passed over’ the Israelites had to come under the protection of the blood. Have you made peace with God by the blood of His cross? (*See Col 1:20*).
- 2. Each person must believe:** *John 1:12* “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name...”

Isaiah 53:1-9 (NKJV)

:1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

:2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

:3 He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

:4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity ***of us all.***

:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

:9 And they made His grave with the wicked—but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.