

A close-up photograph of a purple tulip flower, slightly out of focus, set against a vibrant green background. The petals are layered and show some texture. The lighting is soft, highlighting the curves of the flower.

The Doctrines of Grace

Pursuing the glory of God in salvation

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Play 55 min through 1:33

Choices?

- Yes, always within the scope of our nature
- Always by what we desire most at the time
- Are real and have consequences

Particular Redemption

- What is the intent?
- Everyone sees the atonement as limited
- Salvation possible or Salvation actual?
- Savable or Save?
- What does scripture say?

- Matthew 1:21
- Matt 20:28
- Matt 26:28
- John 10:15
- Acts 20:28

- Eph 5:25
- Heb 9:28
- Isaiah 53
- John 15:13

John 6:39 “And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.”

- The Father planned redemption
- The Son accomplished redemption
- The Holy Spirit applies redemption

3 Options

1. Christ intended to save every human who ever lived. **Job 42:2, Job 23:13, Dan 4:35**
2. Christ only intended to make it possible for every human to be saved

Luke 19:10 Christ came "to seek and *to save* that which was lost."

1 Timothy 1:15 "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"

Gal 1:4 “who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father”

Titus 2:14. “who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”

Eph 5:25-27 “Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.”

Ro 3:24-25 "Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith"

Rom 5:10. "For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life."

Heb 9:12 “He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Eph 1:7 “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace”

Option 3: Particular Redemption

The Arminian: “I could not have gained my salvation without Calvary plus my faith”

The Historic believer “Christ gained my salvation for me at Calvary and thus gave me faith.”

Eph 5:5-6 “For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.”

Rev 21:8 "But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Christ was our propitiation (Romans 3:25-26; 1 John 3:10). This means that He took away *God's wrath*.

Rom 3:24-25 "Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood"

Christ's death was our expiation (2 Cor. 5:21; John 1:29; 1 Peter 3:24; Hebrews 1:3). This means that it took away our sins.

2 Cor 5:21 “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Christ's death reconciled us to God. This means that it *made God favorable to us*, removing the hostility and separation between us.

Rom 5:10 “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life

Christ redeemed us (Mrk 10:45; Rev 5:9; Gal 3:13-14; Eph 1:7). He paid the penalty for our sins, as well as securing our deliverance from the pollution of them (Titus 2:14; 1 Cor 6:20).

Mark 10:45 “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Christ did all of this by sacrificing Himself *in the place of* those whom He died for (Mrk 10:45; 1 Peter 3:18).

1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God

LIMITED ATONEMENT

IF MY FRIEND PAID MY DEBT, JUSTICE REQUIRES THAT I BE FREE. THE ANALOGY IS CLEAR: IF CHRIST'S SACRIFICE WAS FOR ALL MEN THEN EITHER ALL MEN WILL BE SAVED OR GOD WILL BE UNFAIRLY DEMANDING FROM SINNERS WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PAID. IF CHRIST DIED FOR PEOPLE WHO WILL BE IN HELL, HIS JUSTICE IS IN JEOPARDY. HOW COULD A RIGHTEOUS GOD DEMAND A DOUBLE PAYMENT FOR THE SAME DEBT

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