

Introduction

1. The second tenet of Calvinism, unconditional election, has been proven false
 - a. People choose whether to be in the group of the saved or the group of the lost ([Heb. 5:8-9](#); [2 Th. 1:7-9](#))
 - b. TULIP
 - i. Total Hereditary Depravity
 - ii. Unconditional Election
 - iii. **Limited Atonement**
 - iv. Irresistible Grace
 - v. Perseverance of the Saints

I. Limited Atonement: Defined

1. “Christ’s redeeming work was intended to save the elect only and actually secured salvation for them. His death was a substitutionary sacrifice of the penalty of sin in the place of certain specified sinners. In addition to putting away the sins of His people, Christ’s redemption secured everything necessary for their salvation, including faith, which united them to Him. The gift of faith is infallibly applied by the Spirit to all for whom Christ died, thereby guaranteeing their salvation.” (David N. Steele, Curtis C. Thomas, *The Five Points of Calvinism, Defined, Defended, Documented*, Philadelphia: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1975, p. 17)

II. Limited Atonement: Some Twisted Passages

1. [Eph. 5:25](#)???
 - a. The church was purchased with the precious blood of Christ ([Ac. 20:28](#))
 - b. Christ is the Savior of the body, which is the church ([Eph. 1:22-23](#), [5:23](#))

- c. While Christ did give Himself for the church, this does not mean His death was only for the church
 - i. Consider all the faithful who died before the cross ([Heb. 11](#))

III. Limited Atonement: Refuted

1. The Suffering Servant ([Isa. 52:13-53:12](#))
2. Jesus tasted death for everyone ([Heb. 2:9](#))
3. Christ Jesus gave Himself a ransom for all ([1 Tim. 2:1-7](#))
4. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son ([Jn. 3:14-17](#))
 - a. Such demands we love one another ([1 Jn. 4:7-11](#))
5. Jesus Christ is the propitiation [appeasement] for all sins ([1 Jn. 2:1-6](#))
6. Christ died for saint and sinner alike ([Rm. 5:6-11](#))

Conclusion

1. God wills that all people be saved and no one to perish ([2 Pt. 3:9](#))
 - a. Repentance is required for salvation ([Lk. 13:3, 5](#))
2. Christ's blood was necessary to be shed to enable man's salvation ([Heb. 9:16-28](#))
 - a. His precious blood is contacted in the water of baptism ([Rev. 1:4-6](#); [Eph. 5:25-27](#))