



Limited Atonement, Definite Redemption

Since it is God's purpose to save a special people for Himself, and He has chosen to do so *only* through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ, Christ came to give His life "a ransom for many" so as to "save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). The *intention* of Christ in His cross-work was to save His people *specifically*. Therefore, Christ's sacrifice is *perfect and complete*, for it actually *accomplishes* perfect redemption.[\[1\]](#)

Christ's redeeming work was intended to save the elect only and actually secured salvation for them. His death was a substitutionary endurance 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 unites them to Him. The gift of faith is infallibly applied by the Spirit to all for whom Christ died, thereby guaranteeing their salvation.[\[2\]](#)

For a defense of this doctrine [see here](#).

The Atonement of the Lord Jesus was Penal Substitutionary/Vicarious

Penal substitutionary atonement refers to the doctrine that Christ died on the cross as a substitute for sinners. God imputed the guilt of our sins to Christ, and he, in our place, bore the punishment that we deserve. This was a full payment for sins, which satisfied both the wrath and the

righteousness of God, so that He could forgive sinners without compromising His own holy standard.[\[3\]](#)

Isa 53:6 *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.*

Isa 53:12 *Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet **he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.***

Rom 3:21-25 *But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom **God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.** This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.*

2Cor 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.*

Gal 3:13-14 *Christ **redeemed us** from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "**Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree**"— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.*

Heb 9:25-28 *Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, 26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared **once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.** 27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been **offered once to bear the sins of many,** will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.*

Heb 13:11-12 *For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. 12 So **Jesus also suffered** outside the gate **in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.***

1Pet 2:24 *He himself **bore our sins in his body on the tree,** that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. **By his wounds you have been healed.***

1Pet 3:18-20 *For Christ also **suffered once for sins,** the righteous for the unrighteous, that **he might bring us to God,** being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.*

1Jn 2:1-2 *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the **propitiation for our sins,** and not for ours only but also for the **sins of the whole world.**[\[4\]](#)*

1Jn 4:10 *In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and **sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.***

Christ took the sins of the elect & intercedes for the elect

Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that **whoever believes in him should not perish** but have eternal life.[\[5\]](#)

Jn 10:14-18 I am the good shepherd. **I know my own and my own know me**, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and **I lay down my life for the sheep**. 16 And I have **other sheep that are not of this fold**. I must **bring them also**, and **they will listen to my voice**. So there will be **one flock, one shepherd**. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because **I lay down my life** that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but **I lay it down of my own accord**. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

Jn 11:49-52 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. 50 Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” 51 He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that **Jesus would die for the nation**, 52 and not for the nation only, but also to **gather into one the children of God** who are scattered abroad.

Jn 17:1-2 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; **glorify your Son** that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to **give eternal life to all whom you have given him**.

Jn 17:6-10 “I have **manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world**. **Yours they were**, and **you gave them to me**, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and **they have received them** and have **come to know in truth that I came from you**; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am **praying for them**. I am **not praying for the world** but **for those whom you have given me**, for **they are yours**. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

Jn 17:19-21 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that **they also may be sanctified in truth**. 20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for **those who will believe in me** through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that **the world may believe that you have sent me**.

John 17:24-26 Father, I desire that **they also, whom you have given me**, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the **world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me**. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Lk 22:19-20 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is **given for you**. Do this in remembrance of me.” 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is **poured out for you** is the new covenant in my blood.

Rom 8:31-34 What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?** 32 He who **did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all**, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against **God’s elect**? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is **at the right hand of God**, who indeed **is interceding for us**.

Eph 5:25-27 *Husbands, love your wives, as **Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her**, 26 that he might **sanctify her**, having **cleansed her** by the washing of water with the word, 27 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**.*

1Cor 15:3-5 *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins** in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was **buried**, that he was **raised on the third day** in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.*

2Cor 5:14-15 *For the **love of Christ controls us**, because we have concluded this: that **one has died for all**, therefore **all have died**; 15 and **he died for all**, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for **him who for their sake died and was raised**.[\[6\]](#)*

Heb 7:23-27 *The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently, he is able to **save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him**, since he always lives to make **intercession for them**. 26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a **high priest**, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since **he did this once for all when he offered up himself**.*

Heb 9:11-12 *But when **Christ appeared as a high priest** of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 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**.*

Heb 9:15 *Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those **who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance**, since a **death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions** committed under the first covenant.*

Heb 9:24-28 *For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to **appear in the presence of God on our behalf**. 25 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, 26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has **appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin** by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been **offered once to bear the sins of many**, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to **save those who are eagerly waiting for him**.*

Tit 2:11-14 *For the **grace of God** has appeared, **bringing salvation for all people**[\[7\]](#), 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of **our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**, 14 who **gave himself for us**[\[8\]](#) to **redeem us** from all lawlessness and to **purify for himself a people for his own possession** who are zealous for good works.*

1Jn 4:9-10 *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that **God sent his only Son** into the world, so that **we might live through him**. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that **he loved us** and sent his Son to be the **propitiation for our sins**.*

1Pet 3:18 *For Christ also **suffered once for sins**, the **righteous for the unrighteous**, that he might **bring us**[\[9\]](#) **to God**, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's*

patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

Rev 5:9-10 And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for **you were slain**, and by your blood **you ransomed people for God** from every **tribe and language and people and nation**, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Rev 13:7-8 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written **before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain**.

Jesus intercedes only for His own

Rom 8:34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is **interceding for us**.

Heb 7:25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost **those who draw near to God through him**, since he always **lives to make intercession for them**.

Heb 9:24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to **appear in the presence of God on our behalf**.

1Tim 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one **mediator between God and men**, the man Christ Jesus,

1Jn 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an **advocate with the Father**, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Jesus actually accomplishes salvation, Jesus saves

Rom 3:21-26 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the **righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe**. For there is no distinction: 23 for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are **justified by his grace as a gift**, through the **redemption that is in Christ Jesus**, 25 whom God put forward as a **propitiation by his blood**, to be **received by faith**. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had **passed over former sins**. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the **justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus**.

Rom 4:22-25 That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” 23 But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was **delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification**.

Rom 5:9-10 Since, therefore, **we have now been justified by his blood**, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 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**.

Rom 6:5-11 For if we have been **united with him in a death** like his, we shall certainly be **united with him in a resurrection** like his. 6 We know that our **old self was crucified** with him in order

that the **body of sin might be brought to nothing**, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if **we have died with Christ**, we believe that **we will also live with him**. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the **death he died he died to sin, once for all**, but the **life he lives he lives to God**. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

2Cor 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**.

Salvation is not universal, not everyone will be saved

1Ch 17:20-21 There is none like you, O LORD, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 21 And who is like your people Israel, the **one nation on earth whom God went to redeem** to be his people, making for yourself a name for great and awesome things, in driving out nations before your people whom you redeemed from Egypt?

Isa 53:10-11 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an **offering for guilt**, he shall **see his offspring**; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, **make many to be accounted righteous**, and he shall **bear their iniquities**.

Mt 1:21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for **he will save his people from their sins**.

Mt 22:14 For **many are called, but few are chosen**.

Jn 6:37-40 All that the **Father gives me will come to me**, and whoever comes to me **I will never cast out**. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that **I should lose nothing of all that he has given me**, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that **everyone who looks on the Son** and believes in him should have **eternal life**, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Jn 10:3-4 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he **calls his own sheep by name** and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the **sheep follow him, for they know his voice**.

Jn 10:11 I am the good shepherd. The **good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep**.

Acts 20:28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the **flock**, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the **church of God, which he obtained with his own blood**.

Eph 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, as **Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her**, 26 that he might **sanctify her**, having **cleansed her** by the washing of water with the word, 27 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**.

Heb 9:15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those **who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance**, since a **death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions** committed under the first covenant.

1Pet 2:7-9 So the **honor is for you who believe**, but for **those who do not believe**, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8 and “**A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.**” They stumble because they **disobey the word, as they were destined to do.** 9 But you are a **chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Existence of eternal punishment, hell, punishment, vengeance

Dan 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to **shame and everlasting contempt.**

Mt 3:12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will **burn with unquenchable fire.** [\[10\]](#)

Mt 5:22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be **liable to the hell of fire.**

Mt 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather **fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.**

Mt 18:8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be **thrown into the eternal fire.**

Mt 23:33 You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being **sentenced to hell?**

Mt 25:46 And these will go away into **eternal punishment**, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Jn 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, **whoever hears my word** and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He **does not come into judgment**, but has passed from death to life. (Whoever does not, comes into judgment)

2Thess 1:8-10 in flaming fire, **inflicting vengeance** on those who do not know God and on those who **do not obey the gospel** of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will **suffer the punishment of eternal destruction**, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

2Pet 2:17 These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the **gloom of utter darkness has been reserved.**

Jude 6-7 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has **kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness** until the judgment of the great day— 7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a **punishment of eternal fire.**

Jude 12-13 These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; 13 wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the **gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.**

Rev 14:11 *And the **smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever**, and they have **no rest, day or night**, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”*

Rev 20:9-10 *And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, 10 and the **devil** who had deceived them was thrown into the **lake of fire** and sulfur where the **beast** and the **false prophet** were, and they will be **tormented day and night forever and ever**.*

Rev 20:15 *And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was **thrown into the lake of fire**.*

Repentance and faith are necessary for salvation

Mk 1:14-15 *Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent and believe in the gospel**.”*

Lk 13:3,5 *No, I tell you; but **unless you repent, you will all likewise perish**.*

Jn 3:16-18 *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that **whoever believes in him** should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 **Whoever believes in him is not condemned**, but **whoever does not believe is condemned already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

Jn 3:36 *Whoever **believes in the Son has eternal life**; whoever **does not obey the Son shall not see life**, but the **wrath of God remains on him**.*

Acts 3:19-21 **Repent** therefore, and turn back, that your **sins may be blotted out**, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Acts 11:18 *When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted **repentance that leads to life**.”*

Acts 20:18-21 *And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of **repentance toward God** and of **faith in our Lord Jesus Christ**.*

Rom 10:8-10 *But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because, if you confess with your mouth that **Jesus is Lord** and **believe in your heart** that God raised him from the dead, **you will be saved**. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

Eph 2:8-9 *For by **grace** you have been **saved through faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

Reasons for the Cross other than the atonement

Col 2:15 He **disarmed** the **rulers** and **authorities** and put them to **open shame**, by **triumphing over them** in him.

Rom 14:9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be **Lord both of the dead and of the living**.

The usage of “whoever,” and “anyone”

- A common objection against a particular redemption is to quote passages in which men are invited to believe, and then infer that man must have a free will and that Christ died for all men without exception. There are many “whoever” passages: “whoever believes” (Jn. 3:16; 11:26; Rom. 9:33; 10:11; Ac. 10:43, etc.); “whoever confesses” (Lk. 12:8); “whoever receives Me” (Mk. 9:37); “whoever will come after Me” (Mk. 8:34). Isaiah’s prophetic invitation is often quoted: “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters” (55:1). The idea that the gospel is offered to all; therefore, God is trying to save all; or therefore, Christ died for all is an assumption. The gospel is to be preached to “all nations” (Mt. 28:19) and “to every creature” (Mk. 16:15) because God has His elect in every nation (Rev. 5:9). No one knows who is elect and who isn’t; the gospel must be offered to all without exception. Jesus said, “many are called but few are chosen” (Mt. 22:14). Christ encouraged Paul to preach the gospel in Corinth; “for I have many people in this city” (Ac. 18:10). It is true that whoever believes in Christ will be saved, but the Bible teaches that some believe and others do not believe because of the electing choice of the Father and the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. God makes those dead in sins and unable, alive and able (Eph. 2:1). The unwilling are made willing. “No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day” (Jn. 6:44).[\[11\]](#)

John Owen’s case for Limited Atonement[\[12\]](#)

The Father imposed His wrath due unto, and the Son underwent punishment for, either:

1. All the sins of all men.
2. All the sins of some men, or
3. Some of the sins of all men.

In which case it may be said:

1. That if the last be true, all men have some sins to answer for, and so, none are saved.
2. That if the second be true, then Christ, in their stead suffered for all the sins of all the elect in the whole world, and this is the truth.
3. But if the first be the case, why are not all men free from the punishment due unto their sins?

You answer, “Because of unbelief.”

- I ask, Is this unbelief a sin, or is it not? If it be, then Christ suffered the punishment due unto it, or He did not. If He did, why must that hinder them more than their other sins for which He died? If He did not, He did not die for all their sins!”

Usage of the word “all”, usually indicates all of a set or many depending on the context

Mt 2:3-4 *When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and **all Jerusalem** with him; and assembling **all the chief priests** and **scribes** of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.*

Mt 3:5 *Then Jerusalem and **all Judea** and **all the region** about the Jordan were going out to him,*

Mt 5:11 *“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and **utter all kinds of**[\[13\]](#) **evil** against you falsely on my account.*

Mt 10:21-22 *Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death,²² and you will be **hated by all** for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*

Mk 1:5 *And **all the country of Judea** and **all Jerusalem** were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. (Lk 7:30)*

Lk 3:21 *Now when **all the people were baptized**, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened,*

Jn 4:29 *“Come, see a man who told me **all that I ever did**. Can this be the Christ?”*

Jn 8:2 *Early in the morning he came again to the temple. **All the people came to him**, and he sat down and taught them.*

Acts 2:17 *“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will **pour out my Spirit on all flesh**, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;*

Acts 10:12 *In it were **all kinds of** animals and reptiles and birds of the air. (“kinds of” is not in the Greek text)*

Acts 10:39 *And we are witnesses of **all that he did** both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,*

Acts 17:21 *Now **all the Athenians** and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.*

Acts 21:27-28 *When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him,²⁸ crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who is **teaching everyone everywhere** against the people and the law and this place. Moreover, he even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.”*

Acts 22:14-15 *And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth;¹⁵ for you will be **a witness for him to everyone** of what you have seen and heard.[\[14\]](#)*

Acts 26:4 *“My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and in Jerusalem, is **known by all the Jews**.*

1Cor 6:12 “*All things are lawful for me,*” but **not all things** are helpful. “*All things are lawful for me,*” but I will not be dominated by anything.[\[15\]](#)

Usage of the word “world”, usually means “many” or “all of a set or group”

Lk 2:1 *In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that **all the world should be registered.***

Jn 6:33 *For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and **gives life to the world.***”

Jn 7:4 *For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, **show yourself to the world.***”

Jn 12:19 *So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the **world has gone after him.**”*

Jn 13:1 *Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of **this world** to the Father, having **loved his own who were in the world**, he loved them to the end.*

Jn 14:17 *even the **Spirit of truth**, whom **the world cannot receive**, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

Jn 16:8-11 *And when he comes, he will **convict the world** concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the **ruler of this world** is judged.*

Acts 19:27 *And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom **all Asia and the world worship.***”

Rom 1:8 *First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because **your faith is proclaimed in all the world.***

Col 1:3-6 *We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed **in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing**—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth[\[16\]](#)*

Rev 12:9 *And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the **deceiver of the whole world**— he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*

Rev 13:3 *One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and **the whole earth** marveled as they **followed the beast.***

Rev 13:7-8 *Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, ⁸ and **all who dwell on earth will worship it**, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the*

book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

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[1] James White, *The Potter's Freedom* (New Revised Edition 2009) p. 39-40

[2] "The Five Points of Calvinism: Defined, Defended, and Documented" Ed. 2, pp. 6-7.

[3] http://www.theopedia.com/Penal_substitutionary_atonement

[5] Lit. For this is how God loved the world; "whoever believes", πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων is literally "all the believing"

[8] The recipients were fellow believers, Tit 1:1-4.

[9] The recipients were the "elect exiles," 1Pet 1:1.

[10] C.f. Mk 9:43; Lk 3:17

[11] <http://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/limitedatonement.html>

[12] John Owen, *The Death of Death in the Death of Christ*, Chapter III

[13] "Kinds of" is not found in the Greek text.

[14] NASB "For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard."

[15] 1 Cor 6:9-11 lists sins that people who practice those will not inherit eternal life.

[16] The Gospel was not preached in the whole world literally at the time Colossians was written, which is around 62 AD. And the Gospel is still not preached to the whole world, if by "whole world" we mean every single individual living or nation.

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