

UNLIMITED ATONEMENT

The doctrine of unlimited atonement became necessary very early because of a false doctrine called limited atonement. Limited atonement taught that Jesus Christ died for some not all.

John attacks this false doctrine – **“He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.” (1 John 2:2)**

This doctrine will study FIVE aspects of Unlimited Atonement.

1. Atonement means to have your sins covered by the blood of Christ.

The Hebrew word is kippur. It means to cover so as to appease or propitiate the wrath of God.

The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) was the yearly shadow Christology teaching of sins covered by the blood of Christ (Heb.9:24-28; 10:1). Two goats were offered on Yom Kippur. One goat was slain for a sin offering and the other was released as a sin bearer.

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)

Jesus Christ died for the sins of the entire human race. His propitious blood atones for the sins of the entire world and brings reconciliation to all that believe the gospel (Heb.2:9).

2. Atonement is the propitious offering for sin under divine judgment.

The believer does not receive atonement but its work or result

(9 communion factors of the blood of Christ).

Reconciliation (2 Cor.5:17-19)	Peace with God (Rom.5:1; Col.1:20)
Redemption (1 Pet.1:18-19)	Cleansing (1 John 1:7-9)
Justification (Rom.5:8-11)	Forgiveness (Eph.1:7)
Propitiation (1 John 2:2)	Victory in angelic conflict (Rev.12:11; Heb.9:12)
	New Covenant (1 Cor.11:25)

The 9 communion factors are part of the Eucharist cup (1 Cor.11:25).

3. Unlimited atonement is based on the substitutionary sacrificial death of Jesus Christ for ALL mankind.

- Substitution [for or on behalf of] (huper +abl.) -Rom.5:6-8; 1 Cor.15:3-4; 2 Cor.5:14-21; 1 Tim.2:5-6; 1 Pet.3:18.
- Substitution [for or in place of] (anti) - Mark 10:45; 1 Pet.2:24.

4. Although the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ atones for all sin, the application of it is limited to human volition.

Man's soul consists of Self-conscious, Conscience, Mentality, Volition, and Emotion.

While atonement is unlimited by God's grace, it is limited by human volition (Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9). Atonement is unlimited in scope but limited in application because of human volition.

While all could be saved only those who believe the gospel will be saved (John 3:16-18, 36) – "Concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me." (John 16:9) (2 Thess.1:8)

"The condemnation of the unsaved is not now the sins which Christ bore on His body on the tree. But the condemnation rests on the fact of the rejection of Jesus Christ as the sin-bearer." (True Evangelism, Chafer, pg.34)

5. Unlimited atonement is the reason that sin will never be an issue at either the Judgment Seat of Christ (believers) or the Great White Throne Judgment (unbelievers).

Judgment Seat of Christ (JSC) 2 Cor.5:10 (evil substitute for spirituality) (Rom.8:1).

Great White Throne Judgment (GWT) Rev.20:12-15 (evil substitute for salvation)