

SECOND PETER CHAPTER 2

Lesson 25

PAYMENT FOR ALL

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“Denying the Lord that bought them” (vs. 1)

Jesus is the Savior of all men. Those who die and go to hell have rejected their Savior. Those who die and go to heaven have received their Savior.

CHURCH HISTORY

Jerome (342-420 A.D.), leader of the church at Rome, created the theory of predestination, teaching that God decided who would go to heaven (by unconditional grace) and who would go to hell before the foundation of the world. He taught that Jesus’ death secured only those who were predetermined to go to heaven (limited atonement).

Reformer **John Calvin** (1509-1564 A.D.) carried the doctrines of predestination from the Roman Catholic Church into Protestantism. The doctrine became known as “Calvinism,” but it had existed long before John Calvin was born.

WHERE DOES THE BIBLE REFUTE THE DOCTRINE OF PREDESTINATION OR CALVINISM?

1 TIMOTHY 2:3-4 It is God’s will that all men be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth. But they’re not. Therefore, it is possible for men to go against the will of God.

2 PETER 3:9 God is not willing that any should perish. God is willing that all should repent and be saved. This fact encourages believers to witness. But only some men choose to submit to God’s will.

HEBREWS 2:9 Jesus tasted death for every man. This clearly refutes the false doctrine of limited atonement. God does not desire to destroy anybody.

ISAIAH 53:4-6 We have all gone astray—so the Lord laid upon Jesus Christ the iniquity of us all.

ROMANS 5:18-19 All men are condemned because of Adam's offence (disobedience). We need a Savior. The free gift of justification is available to all men by the righteousness of Jesus Christ. We were all made sinners by the disobedience of Adam. Many are made righteous by the obedience of Jesus Christ. "Many" is contrasted with "all." That means that there will be those who will reject the free gift.

1 TIMOTHY 4:10 We labor in Christ and are willing to suffer reproach (criticism, scolding, ridicule, abuse). Why? Because we trust God; and God told us He is the "**Saviour of ALL men, specially of those that believe.**" Note: Jesus is the Savior of ALL men, INCLUDING those who DON'T believe. But if you reject your Savior, you won't be saved.

1 JOHN 2:1 Jesus Christ is the propitiation (satisfaction, covering, fulfillment of a demand) for our sins and "**for the sins of the whole world.**" The Calvinist interprets this to mean "**the whole world [of the elect].**" If they make that addition, they'll have to apply the same rule to verses 15-17, i.e. "**Love not the world [of the elect]**"...etc.

JESUS DIED FOR EVERYONE: even for people who don't care; for people who don't believe on Him; for people who don't want Him!

WHAT IS OUR JOB?

To try to get people to respond to God's will and repent and come to the knowledge of the truth. Tell them they have a Savior, but they need to receive Him or they won't be saved.

Witness to people; tell them they have a Savior who died for their sins, was buried, and rose from the dead.

Plead with people

Pray for people

Urge people

Teach people

Be willing to take reproach for people—so that they have the opportunity to enjoy eternal life.

Make Jesus known to the lost world.