

CHRIST DIED FOR ALL

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John Calvin: a Roman Catholic priest who adopted the fatalistic philosophy of the Greeks and merged it with Christianity. He taught that Christ died on the cross only for a select few that God chose as his “elect,” and that everyone else was preordained by God to go to hell. This would mean that Jesus Christ didn’t die for everyone, and His blood was only shed for some, but not all.

What saith the scriptures? The bible teaches that Jesus died for everyone so that all could be saved.

Hebrews 2:9 Jesus came to Earth to “**taste death for every man.**” The only way to make this verse teach Calvinist doctrine is if you add a qualifier to the verse to make it mean Christ tasted death for every [elect] man.

2:10 Jesus tasted death for every man so He could bring “**many sons unto glory.**” This verse refutes the unitarian or the universalist who believe that everyone will go to heaven no matter what they believe or how they live. Christ died for all, but all don’t end up in glory.

- Jesus died for all. He will bring many (not all) to glory.

1 John 2:1-2 “**Jesus Christ the righteous**” is the believer’s **advocate** and the “**propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**”

Propitiation: the payment for our sins which was satisfactory and acceptable to God.

God would accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on behalf of the whole world. But He will only be the advocate to those who believe. He will speak for them before God.

- Jesus is the propitiation for all. He is the Advocate for some.

1 Jn 3:16-17 “**God...laid down his life for us.**”

1 John 2:1 The Calvinist adds to the verse to read that God/Jesus is the propitiation “**for the sins of the whole world**” [of the elect].

1 Jn 2:15-17 If you follow the Calvinist thinking and plug in [*of the elect*] everywhere you see “**the world,**” we would be expected to not love the elect because they’re full of lust and pride and will pass away.

- You don’t get to pick and choose where it’s okay to add words to the bible.
- Christ died for the whole world even though the world is not good.

1 Tim 2:5-6 “**Christ Jesus...gave himself a ransom for all...**” All means all.

1 Tim 2:3-4 “**God...will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**”

- Because it is God’s will that all men (not insects, not animals) be saved, He gave himself a ransom for all. You can be saved if you want to be saved. It is not God’s will that you stay lost.

1 Tim 4:9-10 God’s servants labor and suffer reproach because God is the “**Saviour of all men.**”

- “**Specially of those that believe.**” Everyone has a Savior. But only those who believe on Him will benefit from the salvation that He offers, making Him special to them.
- If God’s servants believed He had already decided who would be saved, they would never labor and suffer reproach.

Rom 5:18 “by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation.”

- Because “all have sinned.” (Rom. 5:12, 3:23).

“even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.”

- When the bible talks about sin, “all” means everybody.
- When the bible talks about death and condemnation, “all” means everybody.
- When the bible talks about the free gift of salvation, “all” must mean everybody.

Rom 5: 19 “by the obedience of one (Jesus Christ) shall many be made righteous.”

- All men have the opportunity to be made righteous, but not all men will receive it. So, all men will not be made righteous, but “many” will. It’s your decision.

2 Cor. 5:14-15 “If one died for all, then were all dead.” “He died for all.”

- Jesus Christ tasted death for every man (Heb 2:9).
- Jesus Christ is the propitiation for the whole world (1 Jn 2:2).
- Jesus paid the ransom for everyone (1 Tim 2:5-6).
- Jesus is the Saviour of all men (1 Tim 4:10).
- Every sinner can be saved by the free gift from God (Rom 5:18).
- Christ died for all (2 Cor. 5:14).

You can be saved if you want to be saved. Trust Jesus Christ, and He will save you.

Jesus is the only Savior for anyone, but He is the Savior for everyone. And He wants to save you.

“The LORD was ready to save me.” (Isaiah 38:20)