

Particular Redemption

1 Introduction

- **Questions to Ponder**

- Who did Christ die for? Everyone?
- If Christ died for everyone, why is everyone not saved?
- If Christ did not die for everyone, how does that impact our ministries?

- **Review**

- Theology is the knowledge of God which applies every day in our lives.
- TULIP acronym demonstrates the biblical view of God saving His people.
- Radical (Total) depravity says that "Since the Fall, humans are enslaved to sin and by nature bent toward evil in every part."
- Unconditional Election reflects scriptures truth that God chooses some for salvation based on nothing in them but solely on His sovereignty, grace, and mercy.

- **Pray (1 min)**

- **Resources (2 mins)**

- Books
 - Sproul "What is Reformed Theology" Ch. 08
 - Lawrence "Biblical Theology..." Ch.12
 - John Currid "Why do I suffer."
- Sermons/Lectures



- [Charles Spurgeon: Particular Redemption](#)



- RTS Lecture 1: <https://reformedtheologicalsemin.subspla.sh/dhyx6h2>
- RTS Lecture 2: <https://reformedtheologicalsemin.subspla.sh/q4v4f9c>
- RTS Lecture 3: <https://reformedtheologicalsemin.subspla.sh/d2pgdcf>

2 Particular Redemption Defined

- Traditionally known as **“Limited Atonement” (the ‘L’ of TULIP)**.
- What it does not mean
 - It does not mean that God caused people to go to hell.
 - It does not mean that we don’t have free will.
 - It does not mean 1. **“Christ’s atonement was limited in value or in power.”**
- Definition: **“Christ’s atonement was intended by God to secure the redemption of the elect alone”**
 - Westminster Confession of Faith: **“To all those for whom Christ hath purchased redemption, he doth certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same; making intercession for them, and revealing unto them, in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation; effectually persuading them by his Spirit to believe and obey, and governing their hearts by his Word and Spirit; overcoming all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom, in such manner, and ways, as are most consonant to his wonderful and unsearchable dispensation.” (8.8).**
- Unconditional election focuses on the ends, particular redemption focuses on the means.
 - Options for who Jesus died for: Universalism, Arminian, Reformed Theology
 - The blood of Christ will never lose its Power!

	Some	All
Intent		
Nature		
Extent		

Particular Redemption in Scripture

- John 6:35-71
 - The context
 - Note all the verses with the words **“Whoever”, “all”, or “anyone”** with promises.
 - Note those verses that speak about those who do not believe.
 - Jesus has a specific group of people that He has come for.
- Exodus 33:18-20
 - Part of Gods very identity
- Leviticus 16 (21-24)
 - See Hebrews 9:11-15 talks about Christ being the true atonement.

- John 17:1-3, 9, 20.
- Connection to Radical Depravity
 - Romans 5: 6-11
- Connection to Unconditional Election
 - Romans 9:6-8, 17-23
- Connection on preservation of the saints
 - John 10: 3-4, 14-16
- Other Scriptures
 - 3. Mark 10:45
 - 4. John 10:11, 15
 - 6. Acts 20:28
 - 7. Romans 3:25-26
 - 9. Romans 8:28-39
 - 10. 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - 11. Ephesians 5:25
 - 12. 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10
 - 13. Hebrews 7:22-28; 9:11-28

Particular Redemption from Logic

1. Logical Argument #1:
 - i. Christ's atonement was a penal substitution.
 - ii. If atonement is made for all of a person's sins, then that person will be saved.
 - iii. Only the elect will be saved.
 - iv. Therefore, Christ's atonement was made only for the sins of the elect.
2. Logical Argument #2:
 - i. 1. Christ accomplishes everything he purposes to accomplish.
 - ii. 2. If Christ had purposed to save everyone, then everyone would be saved.
 - iii. 3. Not everyone will be saved.
 - iv. 4. Therefore, Christ did not purpose to save everyone.

Clarifying Some Misconceptions

- It does not mean that God does not love those who are not elect.
- It does not mean that nothing God does benefits those who are not chosen.

- Objection: “1 Timothy 2:6 states that Jesus gave himself as a ransom for all
 - Meaning of “All”?
- Objection: “1 Timothy 4:10 says that God is the Savior of all men.
 - Meaning of “Savior”??
- Objection: “1 John 2:2 says that Jesus atoned for the sins of the whole world.
 - Meaning of “All”?

Particular Redemption Applied to our Lives

- From Spurgeon: 5 Ways to measure the greatness of the redemption of Christ.
 1. The heinousness of our own sin
 2. By how Serious God takes justice
 3. By the price that He paid
 4. By the deliverance He achieved
 5. By the number of people who are saved
- It does not mean that we should decide not to share the gospel with someone we think is not elect.
- PR reinforces the unity of purpose between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 1. Deut 9:27-29: Moses begs God based on what the people will say.
- PR reassures us that God’s redemptive purposes never fail.
- PR points us both to God’s great mercy and to God’s perfect justice.
- PR gives us confidence in the perfect, finished cross-work of Christ.
- PR gives us assurance of God’s personal and specific concern for our salvation.
- PR means the Savior we proclaim to sinners in the gospel is a Savior who actually saves.