



Section 4: Concerning Salvation/Atonement

Question 3: Is the atonement of Christ sufficient for the sins of all mankind?

Answer 3: Yes, the atoning work of Christ is able to remit the sins of every man, for all time.

Memory Verse: **John 3:17**

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Support Verses: **Hebrews 2:9**

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

1 John 2:2

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Romans 5:11

And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Discussion Points:

1. The Scope of the Atonement:

- This is a very important matter that speaks to the sufficiency of the atoning work of Christ.
- These verses demonstrate that there is a distinct contrast between the atonement offered for the sins of man under the law, and the atonement offered by The Lord Jesus Christ on the cross.
- The atoning sacrifice under the law was limited in its sufficiency to the family who brought it, or in the case of the sacrifice made by the high priest on the day of atonement, the scope was the nation of Israel.
- Consider Leviticus 1:1-4 and Leviticus 16:6 & 24
- You can clearly see the limited scope of the atonement under the old system.
- The atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ however, was made for every man.
- His work is a sufficient ransom for the sins of the whole world.
- The Author of Hebrews, in fact, describes the work of Jesus Christ as a "better" work.
- Consider Hebrews 8:6-13 & Hebrews 12:24.
- In what ways is the Atoning work of Christ "better?"



- We could point to a number of things, but for our topic at hand we will note its superiority in scope.
- It is clear that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ is sufficient to atone for the sins of the whole world, for all time.
- Consider our supporting scriptures.

2. The Application of the Atonement:

- We have established the truth that the atonement of Jesus Christ is sufficient for the sins of all mankind, and for all time.
- This truth however, does not imply that the atonement, though sufficient, will be applied to be the remedy for every man's sin.
- The application of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ is predicated upon the belief of the individual whose sins need to be atoned for.
- This truth even demonstrates the abundant mercy of God when you consider it in the light of Paul's statements about the law in Romans 7.
- The knowledge/comprehension of the law makes a man aware of his condition and need of atonement.
- And atonement is available, once for all, to every man who responds to God's offer by faith.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "What A Wonderful Savior!" (Hymn #256 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "God's Perfect Lamb" (Hymn #260 - Rejoice Hymns)