

INTRO TO
CALVINISM

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WHAT ARE THE FIVE POINTS?

THE FIVE POINTS OF CALVINISM (T.U.L.I.P.)

- **1: Total Depravity/Total Inability.**
- **2: Unconditional Election.**
- **3: Limited Atonement/Particular Atonement.**
- **4: Irresistible Grace/Effectual Calling.**
- **5: Perseverance of the Saints.**

LIMITED ATONEMENT A.K.A

Definite Atonement.

Particular Redemption.

ATONEMENT: 3 OPTIONS

1: Christ's death redeemed everyone.

2: Christ's death made salvation possible for everyone.

3. Christ's death redeemed all of the elect.

THE REMONSTRANTS

God's redeeming work made it possible for everyone to be saved, but did not actually secure the salvation of anyone. Although Christ died for all men and for every man, only those who believe in Him are saved. His death enabled God to pardon sinners on the condition that they believe, but it did not actually put away anyone's sins. Christ's redemption becomes effective only if man chooses to accept it."

CANONS OF DORT, ARTICLE 8

For it was the entirely free plan and very gracious will and intention of God the Father that the enlivening and saving effectiveness of his Son's costly death should work itself out in all the elect, in order that God might grant justifying faith to them only and thereby lead them without fail to salvation. In other words, it was God's will that Christ through the blood of the cross (by which he confirmed the new covenant) should effectively redeem from every people, tribe, nation, and language all those and only those who were chosen from eternity to salvation and given to him by the Father; that Christ should grant them faith (which, like the Holy Spirit's other saving gifts, he acquired for them by his death).

It was also God's will that Christ should cleanse them by his blood from all their sins, both original and actual, whether committed before or after their coming to faith; that he should faithfully preserve them to the very end; and that he should finally present them to himself, a glorious people, without spot or wrinkle...

Having set forth the orthodox teaching, the Synod rejects the errors of those...Who teach that God the Father appointed his Son to death on the cross without a fixed and definite plan to save anyone by name, so that the necessity, usefulness, and worth of what Christ's death obtained could have stood intact and altogether perfect, complete and whole, even if the redemption that was obtained had never in actual fact been applied to any individual.

WHAT IS LIMITED REGARDING THE ATONEMENT?

Not the sufficiency of the sacrifice of Christ.

Rather, the efficacy & design of the sacrifice of Christ.

PENAL SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT

“Briefly defined, this work is penal not chiefly as punishment for God’s offended dignity, but because God’s holy justice requires payment of the debt incurred against his covenant law. It is substitutionary because someone else, namely the God-Man, Jesus Christ, bears the sanctions (curses) of this law in our place...The Sacrificial system of the old covenant gives us the typology for the priestly work of Christ as both mediator and victim. If our understanding of Christ’s work does not correspond to - even better, is not grounded in - the sacrificial typology of Israel, it is not adequately Christian.”

JOHN 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"



3 IMAGES OF ATONEMENT

EXODUS 12:7

But not a dog shall growl against any of the people of Israel, either man or beast, that you may know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.

EXODUS 12:21-23

21 Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. 22 Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. 23 For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.



3 IMAGES OF ATONEMENT

LEVITICUS 4:24-26

24 and shall lay his hand on the head of the goat and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD; it is a sin offering. 25 Then the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out the rest of its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering. 26 And all its fat he shall burn on the altar, like the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings. So the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin, and he shall be forgiven.

LEVITICUS 16:15-16

15 "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat.

16 Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins.



3 IMAGES OF ATONEMENT

HEBREWS 9:11-12

11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

HEBREWS 9:15

15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

MATTHEW 1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

LUKE 1:68

**"Blessed be the Lord God of
Israel, for he has visited
and redeemed his people**

JOHN 6:37-39

37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

JOHN 10:14 | 15 & 25-27

14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

JOHN 17:1-9

I When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. 6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world

ROMANS 3:21-26

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it-- 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

JOHN CALVIN

“..It seems probable that Paul had regard to the legal expiations, which were indeed evidences of a future satisfaction, but could by no means pacify God...For Paul teaches us only this-that until the death of Christ there was no way of appeasing God, and that this was not done or accomplished by the legal types: hence the reality was suspended until the fulness of time came.”

ISAIAH 53:11

11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

CONCLUSION?

“Historical or mainline Calvinism has consistently maintained that Christ’s work was definite in design and accomplishment-that it was intended to render to complete satisfaction for certain and specified sinners, and that it actually secured salvation for these individuals and for no one else. The salvation which Christ earned for His people includes everything involved in bringing them into a right relationship with God, including the gifts of faith and repentance. Christ did not die simply to make it possible for God to pardon sinners. Neither does God leave it up to sinners to decide whether or not Christ’s work will be effective. On the contrary, all for whom Christ sacrificed himself will be saved infallible. Redemption, therefore was designed to bring to pass God’s purpose of election.”

DOXOLOGY & DISCIPLESHIP

Q: What questions do you have about Limited Atonement?

Q: How can the doctrine of Limited Atonement lead us to worship God?

Q: How does the doctrine of Atonement affect our discipleship?

