

2013 Basic Doctrines (04) **(Unlimited Atonement)**

John gave a very good definition of Unlimited Atonement in **(1 John 2:2)** “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; **and not only for ours only, but also** for those of the whole world.”

(2 Pet.3:9) “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patience toward you, **not wishing for any to perish but for all** to come to repentance.”

Then what is the issue? The answer is free will (volition) of mankind. Volition makes mankind a free agent in the angelic conflict (Eph.6:10-17).

This lesson will study four aspects of the Unlimited Atonement.

1. The Hebrew word for atonement is kapher (to cover or appease or propitiate).

It was best known as the cover or mercy seat of the Ark of Covenant. The high priest would enter the Holy of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement and offer a sacrifice for sin (Yom Kippur) (Lev.16 and 23) [10th day of the 7th month]

(Heb.8:13) “When He said, ‘A new covenant.’ He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.” (Heb.8-10; 9:24-28)

There is no NT Greek word for atonement. However the following two Greek words are used for atonement:

- Reconciliation [katallage] (2 Cor.5:18-21)
- Propitiation [hilasmos] (1 John 2:2; 4:0).

Katallage is used in (Rom.5:11) for atonement in the KJB: (Rom.5:8-9) **sinner**s justified from wrath by His blood and **enemies** reconciled by being saved by His death and resurrection (Rom.5:10-11).

2. This is teaching that the believer receive the saving benefit of atonement.

A few of the Saving benefits of Atonement are listed in the [50 things FREE](#) package of Grace Salvation. (Including the 9 communion factors of the blood of Christ).

(Rom.5:9) “Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood**, we shall be **saved from the wrath** of God through Him.” (John 3:36)

(1 Pet.1:18-19) “Knowing that you were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile ways of life inherited from your forefathers, but **with precious blood**, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the **blood of Christ**.”

Jesus Christ died one substitution atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world (John 1:29) (Propitiation) (1 John 2:2; Rom.3:2-25).

- (2 Cor.5:14-15) One death **for** (huper) [On behalf of or substitute for] **all**.
- (2 Tim.2:6) Gave Himself a ransom **for all**.
- (1 Pet.3:18) Christ died for the sins once **for all**.

3. While the death of Jesus Christ on the cross for all sins is unlimited, the application of it in salvation is limited to free will or volition (John 3:16; Acts 16:31).

(Heb.2:9) “But we see Him who has been made a little while lower than the angels, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for (huper/ on behalf of) everyone.”

While it is unlimited to all sinners (1 Tim.1:15), it is limited by the free will of the individual believing the gospel of Grace Salvation. (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Rom.5:12-21)

While it is God’s desire that all be saved, all may not choose to be saved by the conditions of the gospel of Jesus Christ (Eph.2:8-9; Acts 15:1, 11; Gal.2:21). It requires personal faith in the gospel of Grace Salvation (Titus 2:11-14).

4. God decreed unlimited atonement to be offered on the basis of grace through personal faith (Eph.2:8-9; Rom.5:1; Gal.2:16; 3:24).

This is one reason sin will not be an issue at either the Judgment seat of Christ for believers (Rom.14:10-12) or Great White Throne Judgment of unbeliever (Rev.20:11-15).

The **Great White throne Judgment** of unbelievers will be based on rejection of the offer of Grace Salvation.

(John 5:24) “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who has My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.” (Luke 16:19-31)

(2 Thess.1:8) “Dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.”

(John 3:36) “**He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.**” [Note the involvement of man’s volition]

Hymn by D.W. Whittle: “I Know Whom I Have Believed.”

Chorus: “But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I’ve committed unto Him against that day.” (2 Tim.1:12)

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