

## Limited Atonement or Definite Atonement

Arminian position:

“God intended the atonement to make salvation possible for all persons. Possible in the sense that they would be saved by it if they believed.”

Calvinist position:

Same as above.... except: In addition to making salvation possible for all who believe, God had a design in the death of his son to purchase that very believing. In other words, by shedding His blood, God not only made salvation possible for all through faith, but He also made it certain for His elect by purchasing everything they need to enjoy it including their conversion.”

Calvinist believe irresistible grace was secured for God’s elect by the atonement.

### John 6:36–39 (NASB95)

<sup>36</sup>“But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.

<sup>37</sup>“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

<sup>38</sup>“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

<sup>39</sup>“This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

### John 10:10–11 (NASB95)

<sup>10</sup>“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

### John 10:15–16 (NASB95)

<sup>15</sup>even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

<sup>16</sup>“I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

### John 12:32–33 (NASB95)

<sup>32</sup>“And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”

<sup>33</sup>But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.

### John 12:20 (NASB95)

<sup>20</sup>Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast;

**John 15:13–14 (NASB95)**

<sup>13</sup>“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

<sup>14</sup>“You are My friends if you do what I command you.

**John 15:17–19 (NASB95)**

<sup>17</sup>“This I command you, that you love one another.

<sup>18</sup>“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.

<sup>19</sup>“If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

**John 17:2 (NASB95)**

<sup>2</sup>even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.

**John 17:6 (NASB95)**

<sup>6</sup>“I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

**John 17:9 (NASB95)**

<sup>9</sup>“I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours;

**John 17:19 (NASB95)**

<sup>19</sup>“For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

**John 17:24 (NASB95)**

<sup>24</sup>“Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

**Mark 10:45 (NASB95)**

<sup>45</sup>“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

## **Irresistible Grace or Effectual Call**

God's saving grace can be resisted, and will be resisted, by all human beings until God acts to overcome that resistance. It is God's work in us by which He overcomes our resistance and brings about the act of saving faith.

### **Ephesians 2:8–9 (NASB95)**

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

<sup>9</sup>not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### **2 Timothy 2:24–26 (NASB95)**

<sup>24</sup>The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged,

<sup>25</sup>with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

<sup>26</sup>and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

### **Acts 11:18 (NASB95)**

<sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."

### **Acts 16:14 (NASB95)**

<sup>14</sup>A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

### **John 6:37 (NASB95)**

<sup>37</sup>"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

### **John 6:44 (NASB95)**

<sup>44</sup>"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

### **John 6:63–65 (NASB95)**

<sup>63</sup>"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

<sup>64</sup>“But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.

<sup>65</sup>And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.”

### **2 Chronicles 30:6–12 (NASB95)**

<sup>6</sup>The couriers went throughout all Israel and Judah with the letters from the hand of the king and his princes, even according to the command of the king, saying, “O sons of Israel, return to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, that He may return to those of you who escaped and are left from the hand of the kings of Assyria.

<sup>7</sup>“Do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were unfaithful to the LORD God of their fathers, so that He made them a horror, as you see.

<sup>8</sup>“Now do not stiffen your neck like your fathers, but yield to the LORD and enter His sanctuary which He has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your God, that His burning anger may turn away from you.

<sup>9</sup>“For if you return to the LORD, your brothers and your sons will find compassion before those who led them captive and will return to this land. For the LORD your God is gracious and compassionate, and will not turn His face away from you if you return to Him.”

<sup>10</sup>So the couriers passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, and as far as Zebulun, but they laughed them to scorn and mocked them.

<sup>11</sup>Nevertheless some men of Asher, Manasseh and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

<sup>12</sup>The hand of God was also on Judah to give them one heart to do what the king and the princes commanded by the word of the LORD.