



# LIMITED ATONEMENT

The Doctrine of John Calvin



# TULIP Doctrine

- Total Hereditary Depravity – Flesh is evil, cannot obey God
- Unconditional Election – God's predetermined elect
- Limited Atonement – Christ's blood only covers the sins of the elect
- Irresistible Grace – if elected, cannot reject salvation
- Perseverance of the Saints – no sin condition can cause one to be lost

# Sovereignty

- Calvinism says that Jesus died to actually save sinners, not the mere possibility for them to be saved. Jesus redemptive work was the only work to be done.
- Further, since God is sovereign, He decides everything about us: when, what, and where we are born. Traits we possess, or don't. Advantages, or disadvantages. Destined to salvation or destruction.
- David acted on what God knew and changed history! - 1 Sam 23:10-13

# Redemption

- Calvinism says, “Bestowing on the elect alone the gift of justifying faith, to redeem all those, and those only, who were from eternity chosen to salvation, that He should confer upon them faith and purge their sins, original and actual.” *Canons of Dordt*
- Christ shed His blood to redeem the elect, chosen from the beginning to salvation.
- How can people be “lost” if they are eternally saved? – Luk 19:10

# The Process

- Salvation is a life-long process – 1 Cor 1:18
- Only those outside of Christ are lost – Eph 2:12
- The eternal elect would not fit into Rom 3:23

# Biblical Claims

- Christ's love is for all – 2 Cor 5:14-15
- A weak brother could lose his soul, but Christ died for him – Rom 14:15
- We will be judged according to our actions – Col 3:24,25; Luke 10:20