



**Sermon Outline**  
**Sermon: Limited or Purposeful Atonement**

**Key Verses: Selected**

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Introduction: Review of Humanity's sin nature and election.

Let's investigate the following questions:

- 1) What is the design of the atonement?
- 2) Does it take faith to be saved, if so, where does faith come from?
- 3) Did Jesus die for 'all' or the 'world' or just for a few?
- 4) What is the decretive will of God in election and atonement?

**Design of the Atonement.** John 17:9-10; 24-26

The atonement is **sufficient** for all in value, but only **efficient** in design.

As R.C. Sproul writes, "Is Christ a real Savior or merely a potential Savior? Was the divine plan to make redemption possible or certain?"

**Development of faith.** Ephesians 2:8-9, II Thess. 2:13

**Distinguishing between 'all' and 'world' from a 'few' to be saved.**

John 14:6, II Corinthians 5:19, Luke 2:1

**Decretive will of God.** This is God's sovereign will in that what He decrees will come to pass. Isaiah 43:13, John 1:12-13

II Peter 3:8-9 - "willingness" – "any" – "you" or "us."

**The Takeaway:** Has Christ died for you? He has, if you confess with mouth that He is Lord and believe in His death, burial, and resurrection. Then confess your sins to Him and ask Him to forgive you. He will do this right now, all you need to do is ask. Then you will be part of the family of God. You will have a love for Jesus, His Word, His church, and His kingdom. Now you will know that you were chosen before the foundation of the world, and the Lord has found one of His sheep because now you hear His voice and follow Him (John 10:27).