

Prayer List

Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Ella Green, Alice Hall, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Philip Hutton, Kim Johnson, Jim Ledbetter, Norman Lee, Mary Lynn McAleer, Tony Priola, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Tresa Snyder, Sheila Sollars

- Philip Hutton's (James' father) cancer has spread to his lungs. He will begin chemotherapy treatments soon.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, July 24	22/22/16
	Wednesday, July 27	13
Offering	Sunday, July 24	\$924.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes David Snyder

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer Charles Hatcher
 Songs Keith Keever
 Sermon Brad Green
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Tommy Sanders
 Assistants Levy Cox and Donald Shipley
 Closing Prayer Lance Green

Sunday Afternoon Worship

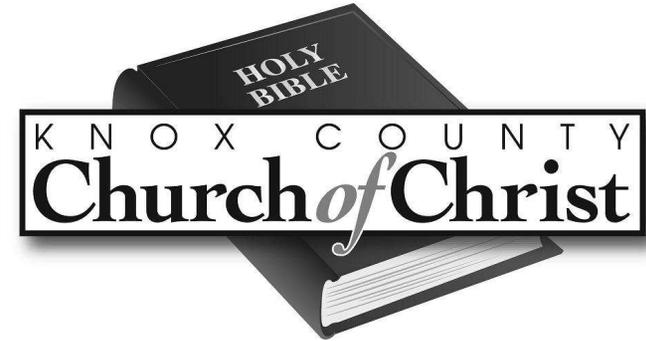
First Prayer Lance Green
 Songs *Singing*
 Sermon Brad Green
 Lord's Supper Keith Keever
 Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs Brad Green
 First Prayer Tommy Sanders
 Devotional David Snyder
 Closing Prayer Charles Hatcher

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM
 Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



From The Preacher's Pen

“CALVINISM: LIMITED ATONEMENT”

The doctrine of Limited Atonement teaches that Jesus only died and shed His blood for those who were already predestinated (unconditionally elected) to salvation. We have already examined the doctrine of Unconditional Election in a previous article – “Calvinism: Unconditional Election” – and Scripturally exposed this teaching as being diametrically opposed to God’s Word. It is from the false doctrine of Unconditional Election that we can find the seed which produces the next tenet of Calvinism – Limited Atonement. *Limited* is defined as confined within a limit or boundary and *Atonement* is defined as that process by which God reconciles man out of sin and back to a right relationship with Himself. According to Calvinists, if Jesus’ blood was shed for the whole world, then the majority of His blood was wasted on people who were, as they teach, already predestined to be damned. The sad fact about this is that they are correct in making this logical conclusion implied by their doctrine. They must also logically deduce that if Jesus died for the sins of the whole world, and man could do nothing whatever on his own in order to be saved by that blood, then if a man was to be lost, it would mean that Jesus’ blood was not powerful enough to save everybody for which He died. How could any man teach the doctrine of Limited Atonement and then sing the words, “there is power, power, wonder working power in the precious blood of the Lamb?” In order to avoid these implications, and continue teaching their false doctrine regarding predestination, they must also teach that Jesus’ blood was only shed for the few who had already been unconditionally elected before the foundation of the world. Thus, it is referred to as Limited Atonement because Calvinists contend that the saving power to atone for, or take away, man’s sins is limited to only the elect. It is also, therefore, understood by those

teaching this Calvinistic tenet that, since those who are lost cannot do anything about it anyway, then they do not have any access to the blood which was shed to save man from sin.

God detests the teaching of Limited Atonement – “for God so loved the *world*, that He gave His only begotten Son, that *whosoever* believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:16-17, emphasis B.G.). The Bible clearly teaches that God loves ALL men and desires “ALL men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the Truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave Himself a ransom for ALL” (1 Tim. 2:4-6, emphasis B.G.). Calvinists teach that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to die for only a few and will allow the rest to go to Hell for eternity. The Bible teaches that “the LORD hath laid on [*Christ*] the iniquity of us ALL” (Isa. 53:6, emphasis B.G.). God says that Jesus’ death is evidence of His love – “walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour” (Eph. 5:2). If Jesus only gave Himself to die for a select few, then He does not love the rest of mankind for whom He did not shed His blood. The apostle Paul states, “for when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly...God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him” (Rom. 5:6, 8-9). Jesus died for sinners! Jesus died for the ungodly! The inspired John writes, “if **any man** sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And **He is the propitiation for our sins: and** not for ours only, but also for **the sins of the whole world**” (1 John 2:1-2). John, an inspired apostle of Christ, contends that Jesus paid the price for all sins for all mankind. The Bible teaches that Jesus put on flesh “and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory,

the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and Truth” (John 1:14) and in so doing, “was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for **every man**” (Heb. 2:9). Jesus died for “every man!”

Though Jesus died for “every man,” not all men will be saved. There is nothing wrong with the sacrifice of Jesus or with the power in His blood – “for by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified” (Heb. 10:14). Man can only be sanctified by obedience to God’s Word (Heb. 10:10) and by being “in Christ” (1 Cor. 1:2). Man’s sins are washed away by Jesus’ blood (Rev. 1:5) when he submits to God’s command to be immersed in water (Acts 22:16) at which time, God forgives him of his past sins (Acts 2:38) and adds him to the body of the saved – the Church (Acts 2:47).

The Calvinistic doctrine of Limited Atonement claims that Jesus only shed His blood for a limited few. By limiting the number who can be redeemed by Jesus’ blood, Calvinists also limit the number of people Jesus loves and limit the power of Jesus’ blood to save. This doctrine is one which demeans the very nature of God and leaves all who believe it in a condition of hopelessness and despair. God, on the other hand, informs us that God loves all men, that there *is* power in the blood of Jesus, and that all men can have access to that soul-saving fountain by means of obedience to God’s Word (c.f., 1 Tim. 4:16; Rev. 1:5; Acts 2:38; 22:16). Let us accept and appropriate God’s love and offer of grace through obedience to His Word and be comforted that “in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ” (Eph. 2:13).

--Brad Green

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