

# SHEDDING LIGHT ON BIBLICAL CONTRASTS

## #6 – God Wants All to Be Saved / God Doesn't Want All to Be Saved

In a public meeting designed to reach the community, a minister pointed at random toward a number of people in his audience & said, “Christ died for you and you and you. God wants you and you and you to be saved.”

Within a few weeks he was confronted by a committee of leaders in his denomination for teaching false doctrine. They said he could not be sure that Christ had died for each individual to whom he pointed, or that God wanted each one of those people to be saved.

Was he teaching false doctrine? Or was the committee wrong?

### God Wants All to Be Saved

1. God gave His Son to die for all mankind, even for those who pervert the Gospel (**John 3:16; 2 Peter 2:1; 1 John 2:2**).
2. Paul pleaded with everyone to make peace with God, declaring that Christ's Reconciliation covers all mankind (**2 Corinthians 5:18-21**).
3. God desires to see everyone saved, having provided a ransom for all (**1 Timothy 2:3-6**).
4. Peter stated that God is patient, not wanting anyone to perish (**2 Peter 3:9**).

### God Does Not Want All to Be Saved

1. God will make sure that the unrighteous will go into “*eternal punishment*” (**Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:11-15**).
2. God chose only some to be special objects of His Grace (**Romans 8:29-30; Ephesians 1:3-6**).
3. God entrusted the spread of the saving Gospel to imperfect men with their many limitations, rather than using His angels to accomplish the task (**2 Corinthians 5:18-20**).

### Reflection

- Is a sincere Gospel invitation extended to all?

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- If Christ died for all, why aren't all saved?
- Why doesn't God present such overwhelming evidence of His reality & bring such deep conviction of sin that everyone believes?
- Why doesn't God use angels or some other supernatural means to make sure everyone hears & believes the Gospel?
- Is there a difference between God's Will and His desire?

### Resolution

God has made provision for the salvation of all through Christ's sacrifice (**1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 2:2**). But for reasons understood only by Him, He has not chosen to bring all men to a saving knowledge of Himself.

God offers salvation to everyone who hears the Gospel, and He gladly receives all who believe and place their trust in Jesus Christ.

The sacrifice of Christ on the Cross was sufficient to pay the price for the sins of all mankind, but the benefits of that sacrifice are applied only to those who believe.

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