

hell-deserving sinner and that you can do nothing to save your self. All you can do is to look to what has been done, on the cross of Calvary and find your ~~xxx~~ hope in what Christ did for you."

The second letter of TULIP is Unconditional Election. Certainly Scripture teaches that those ~~w~~ for whom Christ died on the cross have been chosen before the foundation of the world. To say unconditional election gives the impression that God just makes a grab. He picks out at random certain people. There are no conditions whatever. That would give a very foolish idea of God.

God is wisdom. God has a plan, and a purpose, in all he does. There are conditions in the mind of God in everything he does. Unconditional election means election is not conditioned in any goodness in us! That is a great Scriptural teaching, but one can easily get a false impression in this term

The third term is the most unfortunate of all. In order to get the word TULIP you have to use an L. So what can we use the L for to get something connected with the atonement? So I don't know who it was who invented the term Limited Atonement. For there is certainly nothing limited about the atonement. I've been trying to find out where it originated in the acrostic.

There's a book which I thought might ~~be~~ give me a clue and I've been trying to get hold of it. The only copy I've been able to find is in the University of Michigan, and they have told us the cover is loose and so they will not send it on an inter-library loan. So I don't know how soon I'll be able to find it. I'd like to track this down and see where it started.

Because that confuses, and irritates and misleads so many people. There is nothing limited about the atonement. If you want to get a strong Calvinist~~ixz~~ I don't know where you'd get one much stronger than A.A. Hodge the father of (I'm not sure now whether he was the father or grand-father of Charles Hodge) who in his book on the Outlines of Theology has a discussion of the atonement. He refers on p. 420 to the offer of the Gospel.

He says "A bonified offer of the gospel therefore is to be made to all men. First, because the satisfaction rested(?) to the law is sufficient for all men. Second, because it is exactly adapted to the redemption of all men. Third, because God designed that whosoever exercises faith in Christ shall be saved by him. Thus the atonement makes the salvation of every man to whom it is offered objectively possible. The design of Christ's death being to secure the salvation of his own people. Incidentally to the accomplishing of that end, it comprehends the offer of that salvation freely and honestly to all men on the condition of their faith. No man is lost for want of ~~the~~ ^{an} atonement or because there is any other barrier in the way of own salvation than his own most free and wicked will."

We are lost because of our sinfulness, not because of any ungraciousness on the part of God. We are saved because of God's wonderful grace which he bestows on those who were chosen before the foundation of the world, but no human being knows who ~~they~~ they are.