Biblical Reasons to Dismiss the Limited Atonement Doctrine

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Luke 2:10-11

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- **10.** Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.
- **11.** "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
 - 1. Good tidings is the gospel. It was to be brought to all people.
 - 2. What? You mean it wasn't only brought to the Calvinist, predestinated elect people only? It was for all people?
 - 3. Calvinists instead believe Jesus only died for some people.

1 john 2:2 (propitiation for the whole world)

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2. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

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1 Timothy 2:6 (Jesus a ransom for all)

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- **6.** who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

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1 Timothy 4:10 (The savior of all men)

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10. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach,[fn] because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

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Acts 17:30 (God commands all men everywhere to repent)

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- **30.** "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,
 - 1. Would God call someone to something they could not do, then hold them accountable for it?
 - 2. That would be like telling a chair to move across the room, then cut it down with an axe and burn it when it doesn't.

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2 Peter 3:9

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9. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us,[fn] not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

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Ezekiel 33:11 (God has no pleasure in death of wicked)

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11. "Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'

- Why would God plead with unbelievers to turn from evil?
 Calvinists hold that it is to make their punishment harsher.
 Non-Calvinists hold that it is to invite them to make the right choices.
- 2. God's intentions about the wicked turning from their evil and living are not a secret. It is the goodness of God that leads us to repentance.

 Not being born again before repenting.
 - 1. The prodigal son came home, not because of His father's whip, but because he remembered his father's goodness.
 - 2. Romans 1 says the heavens and God's invisible attributes are part of what also assist.

John 3:16

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1. For God so loved the world, so that whosoever believes shall not perish (John 3:16). Whosoever was not limited to just the elect.

If all humans wanted to be regenerated, the blood of Jesus would cover all of them. But we all too well know that not all humans historically thus far have desired to do that. John 3:16 is a verse that militates the Limited Atonement Calvinistic doctrine.