Unraveling the T.U.L.I.P. Part 2

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INTRODUCTION

- This morning we're going to discuss the final three elements of tulip, the idea of limited atonement, that Jesus did not die for the whole world.
- We have our own sin. We have rejected God's will, and in so doing find ourselves opposed to God, not because we inherited our father's sin, as Ezekiel 18 makes very clear.
- The ones who were spared by God as his chosen people had faith in God to do what he said, to trust in his righteousness.

1 Limited Atonement

Romans 9:13; 1 John 2:2; Hebrews 2:9

- The idea of limited atonement very simply says Jesus died on the cross so that only the elect would be saved.
- The Bible obviously clearly teaches, like in 1 John chapter 2 and verse 2, that Jesus died for the sins of the whole world. In Hebrews chapter 2 and verse 9, Jesus tasted death for everyone.
- They were the family through whom Jesus would come. And through Jesus would come not to die only for the elect, but for the sins of the whole world.
- When God says in verse 13, Jacob I have loved, but Esau I hated, is that a matter of salvation? No. It's a matter of election for what purpose? God's purpose to lead to Christ.
- If the Israelites could be found rejecting God, as the text makes clear, we all can be found rejecting God.
- What God elected was a system of salvation to those who would believe.

2 The Idea of Irresistible Grace

Acts 16:13–15; 2 Thessalonians 2:13–15; Acts 10:34–35

- How is Lydia described in verse 14? A worshipper of God. Is that before or after the Lord opened her heart? It's before.
- How are we called? What are we called by? The gospel. This makes Romans chapter 10 and verse 17 make all the sense in the world.
- It says in verse 15, stand firm and hold to the traditions that were taught to you.
- It doesn't take away from the majesty of God, it doesn't make us earn salvation.
- God laid down the boundaries. Salvation is for everyone. It is for those who fear him, those who do what is right. That is our choice to accept or reject God's solemn offer.
- We need to fear him. We need to do what is right.

3 The Perseverance of the Saints

Romans 8:35–39; Hebrews 3:12–14; 2 Corinthians 5:10

- We are judged by our actions, we are judged by our faith or lack thereof.
- He's telling us that for those that love the Lord, those that commit themselves to righteousness, to loving Him, we have a hope.
- If you are truly a child and servant of Jesus the Christ, you have the victory that comes with faith.
- Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.
- You have to be somewhere to fall from it.
- For we have come to share in Christ if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Our choice is do we accept that offer by faith or do we reject it? Who do you believe?**

MY NOTES