

A dramatic sunset scene with three crosses silhouetted against a sky of orange and yellow clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by a hill. The crosses are of varying heights, with the central one being the tallest.

The Extent of Christ's Atonement

Christology: The Person & Work of Jesus

The Question

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**Did Jesus die for
all people?**

The Views

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John Calvin



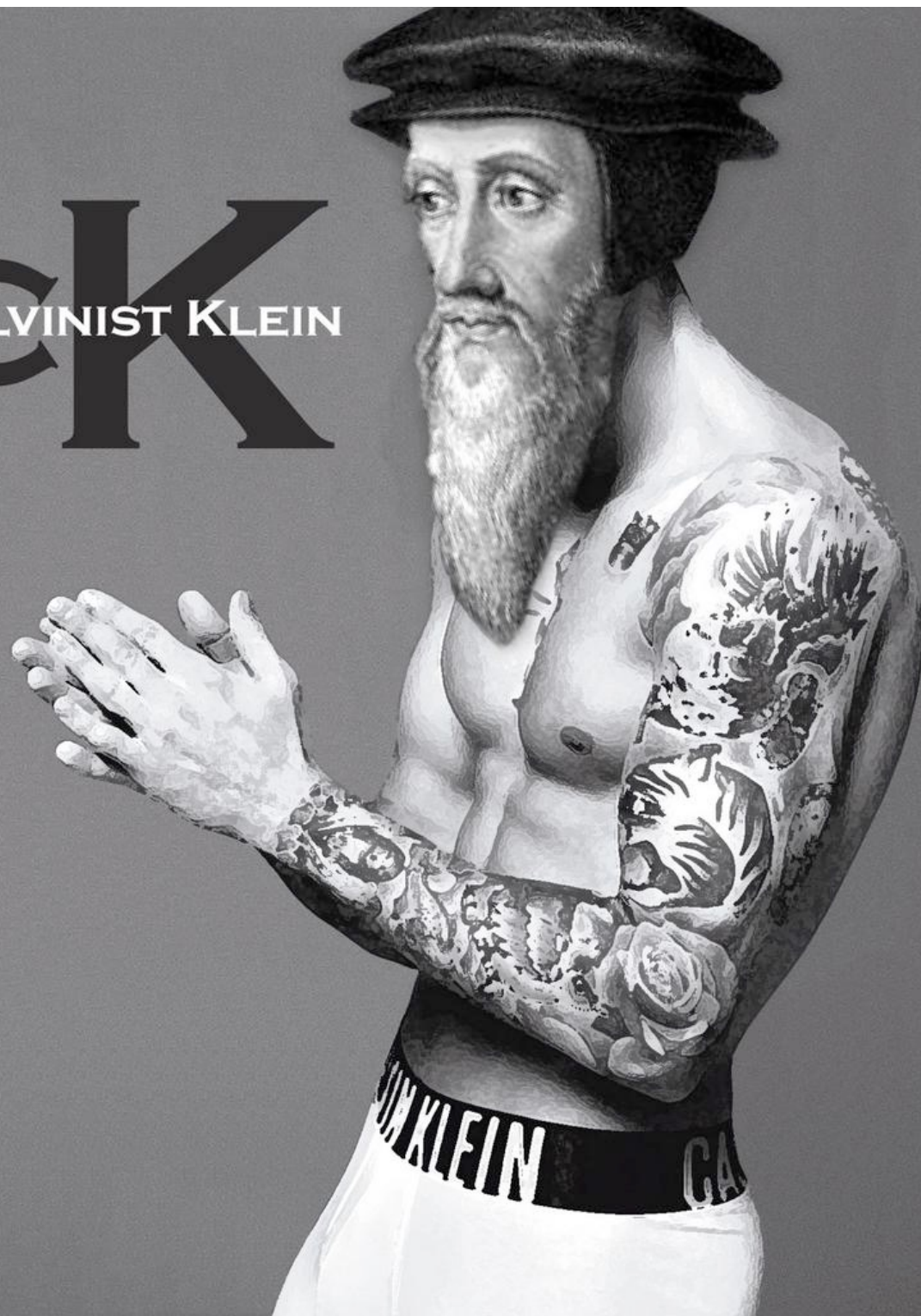
**Limited
Atonement**

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**Unlimited
Atonement**

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The Acronym

TOTAL DEPRAVITY

UNCONDITIONAL
ELECTION

LIMITED ATONEMENT

IRRRESISTIBLE GRACE

PERSEVERANCE OF
THE SAINTS





ARMINIANISM

When God's Providence and Security are Just Not Enough

The Acronym

M meticulous providence
U unconditional election
P particular redemption
P perseverance of the saints
E effectual grace
T total depravity





Four Important Affirmations

- a) **Unlimited redemptionists are not universalists.**
- b) **All people are lost, including the elect.**
- c) **Anyone who will be saved must believe.**
- d) **Some Scriptures do relate the Atonement particularly to the elect (e.g., John 10:15; Ephesians 5:25).**

—Charles Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 375—

Exegetical Considerations



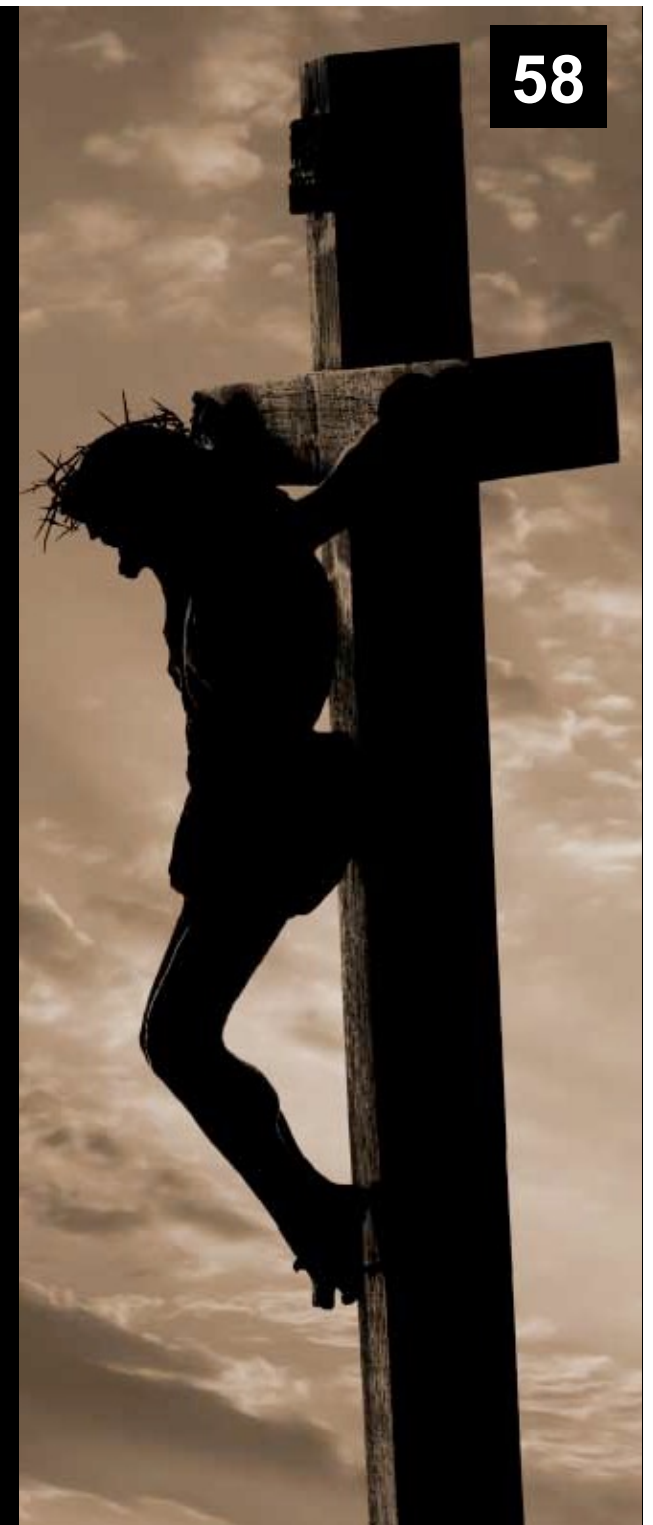


“But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be **false teachers** among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even **deny the Master who bought them**. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves”
(2 Peter 2:1 NLT).

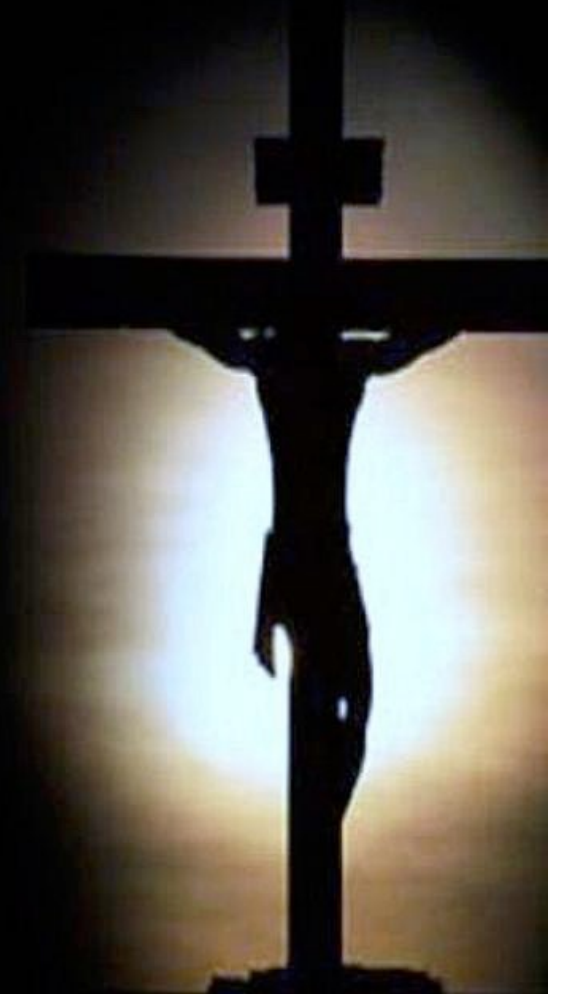


“[Jesus] himself is the sacrifice that **atones for our sins**—and not only our sins but the **sins of all the world**”
(1 John 2:2 NLT).

“[God] wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. ⁵For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. ⁶**He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.** This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time” (1 Timothy 2:4-6 NLT).



**“This is why we work hard
and continue to struggle,
for our hope is in the living
God, who is **the Savior of all
people** and particularly of
all believers”
(1 Timothy 4:10 NLT).**



"What we do see is Jesus, who was given a position 'a little lower than the angels'; and because he suffered death for us, he is now 'crowned with glory and honor.' Yes, by God's grace, **Jesus tasted death for everyone.**"

(Hebrews 2:9 NLT)



Life or Death

"For God so **loved** the world that he **gave** his one and only Son, that whoever **believes** in him

but have **eternal life.**

but to **save** the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever **believes** in him is **not condemned,**

(John 3:16-18 NLT)

shall not **perish**


¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to **condemn** the world,

but whoever does not believe stands

condemned already

because he has **not**

believed in the name of God's one and only Son"



**“God overlooked people’s ignorance
about these things in earlier times,
but now **he commands everyone
everywhere to repent of their sins
and turn to him”**
(Acts 17:30 NLT).**

The Limited Says to the Unlimited...

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The Master said - I lay down My life for . . .

THE SHEEP NOT THE GOATS

John 10:15



We do not believe that Christ died for Pharoah, Ahithophel, Saul, Cain, etc as He did for Peter, James and John!

“For the transgression of MY PEOPLE was He stricken!”

Isaiah 53:8

Limited Atonement



**“I pray not for the world!”
Wonder why HE prayed thus, if HE died
for the whole world**



CALVINISM: A TOTALLY DEPRAVED THEOLOGY

"I'm sorry, Sally. I have predestined you, your mother and your father all to a fiery eternal torment and there's nothing you can do about it. Have fun suffering in horrible, unending anguish."

Which Pill Will You Swallow?

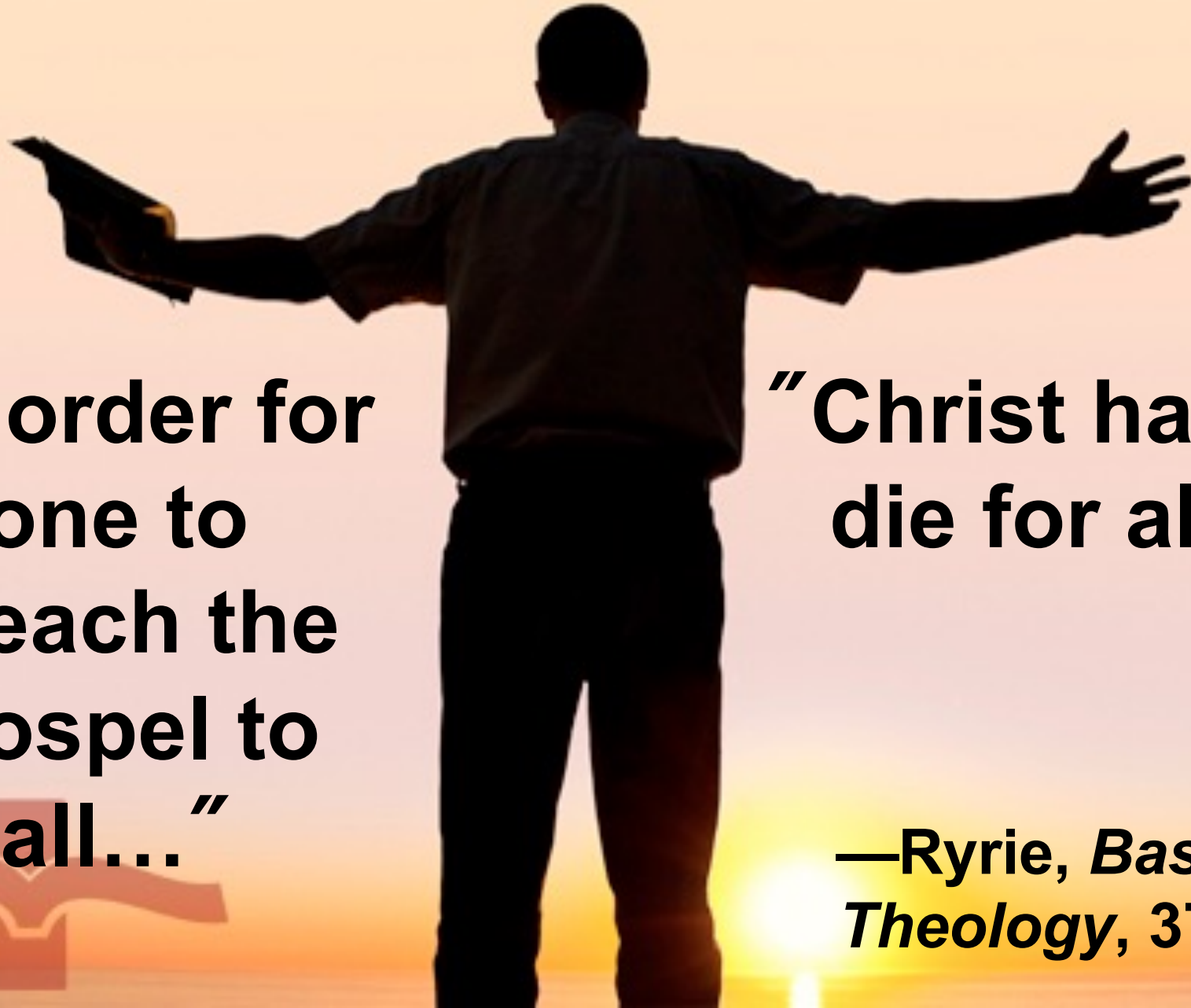




Theological Considerations

a) Universal Gospel Preaching

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**“In order for
one to
preach the
Gospel to
all...”**

**“Christ had to
die for all.”**

**—Ryrie, *Basic
Theology*, 377**

b) The Value of Christ's Death

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Jesus "made the whole world savable, in addition to the saving value for those who do believe..."

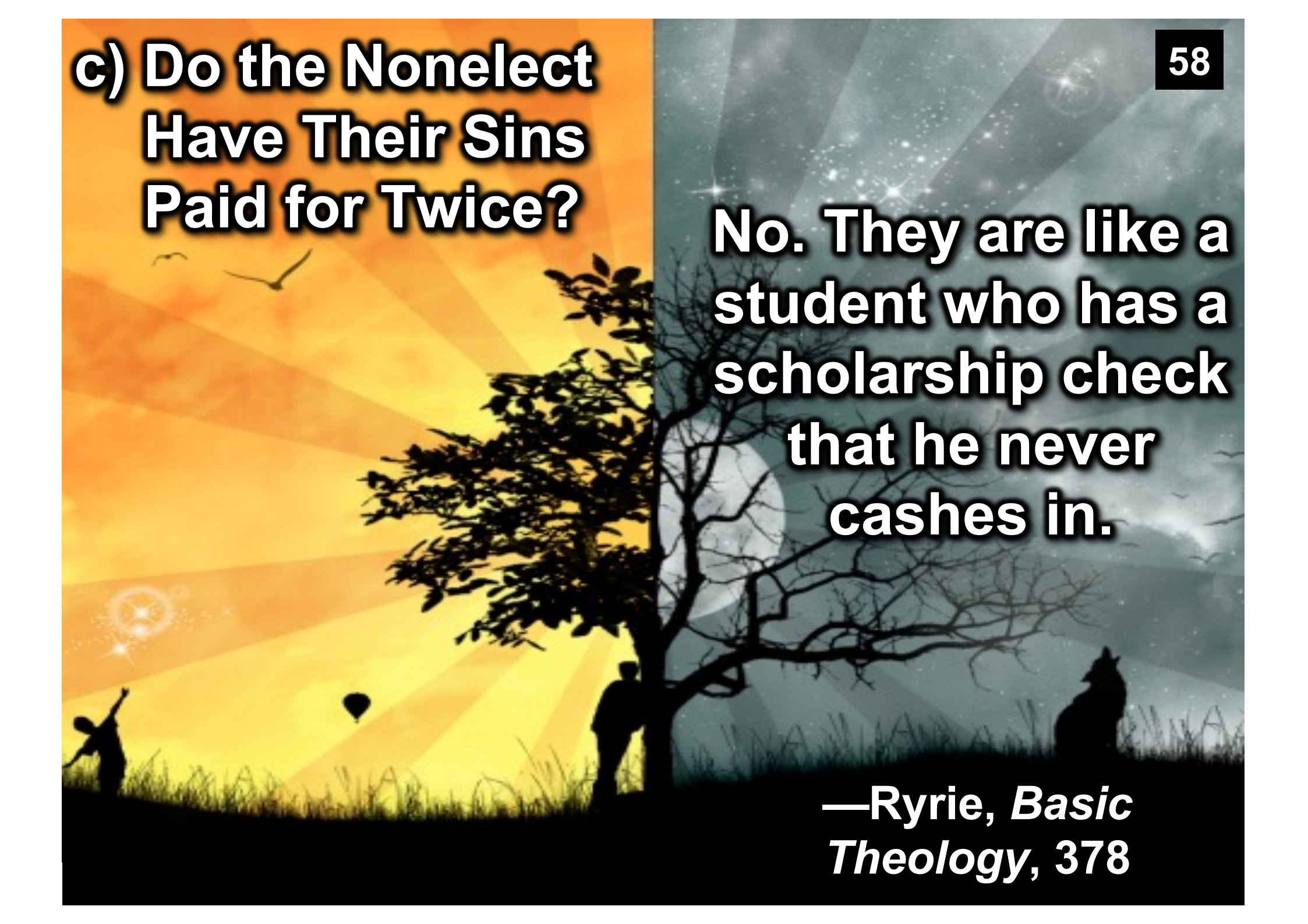
—Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 377

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YOU GET WHAT YOU DESERVE

Chris-ti-an-i-ty

JESUS GOT WHAT YOU DESERVE



**c) Do the Nonelect
Have Their Sins
Paid for Twice?**

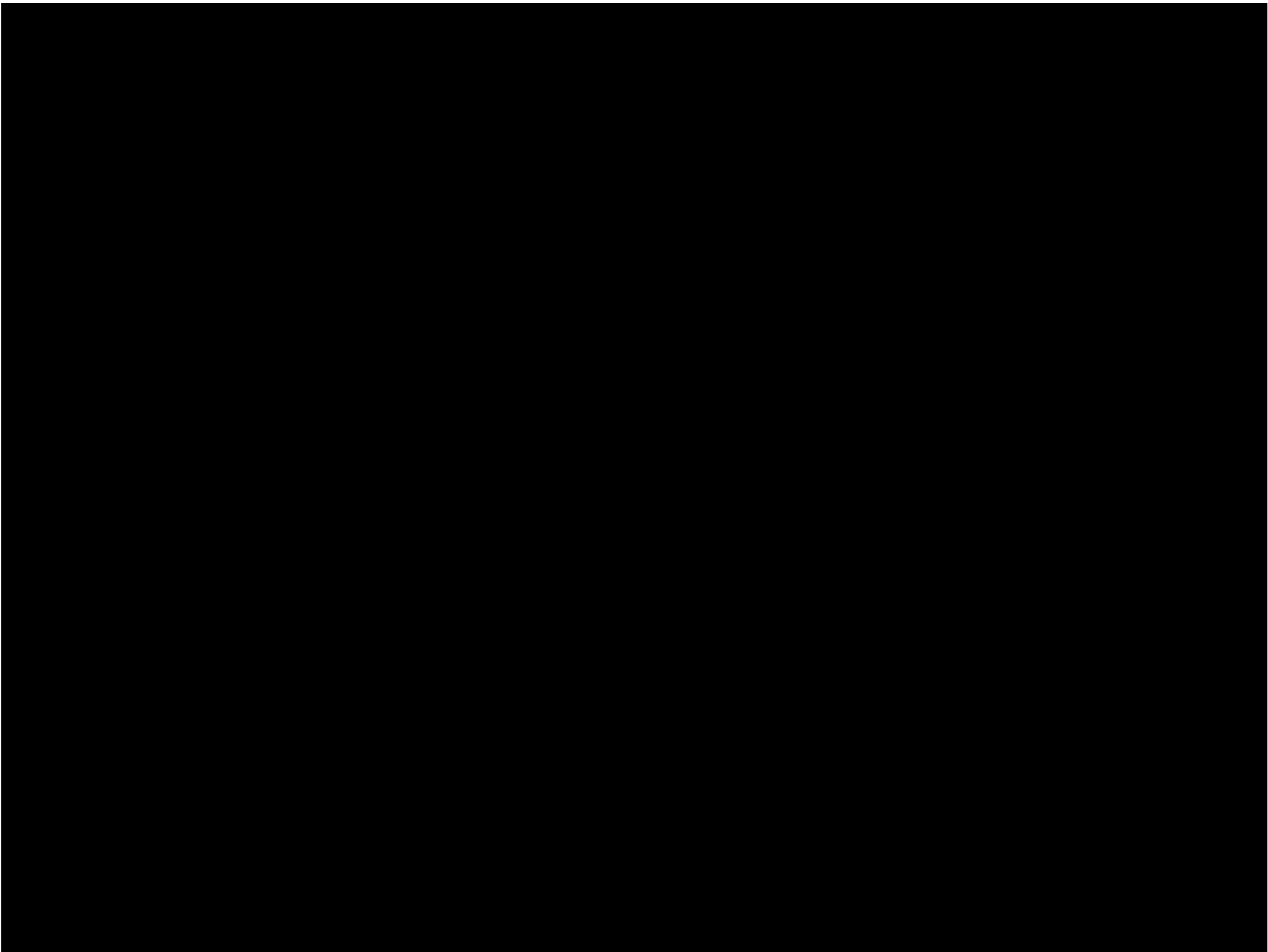
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**No. They are like a
student who has a
scholarship check
that he never
cashes in.**

**—Ryrie, *Basic
Theology*, 378**

**If Christ truly died for all,
what should we do?**





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