

## 'Mission & Death of Christ' by Francis Turretin

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The mission and death of Christ is restricted to a limited number—to His people, His sheep, His friends, His church, His body—and nowhere extended to all men severally and collectively. Thus Christ is called “Jesus” because He shall save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21). He is called the Saviour of His body (Eph. 5:23). The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep (John 10:15) and for His friends (John 15:13). He is said to die “that He might gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad” (John 11:52). It is said that Christ “hath purchased the church with His own blood” (Acts 20:28).

If Christ died for every one of Adam’s posterity, why should the Scriptures so often restrict the objects of His death to a few? How could it, with propriety, be said absolutely that Christ is the Saviour of His people and of His body, if He is the Saviour of others also? —Francis Turretin (1623-1687).

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