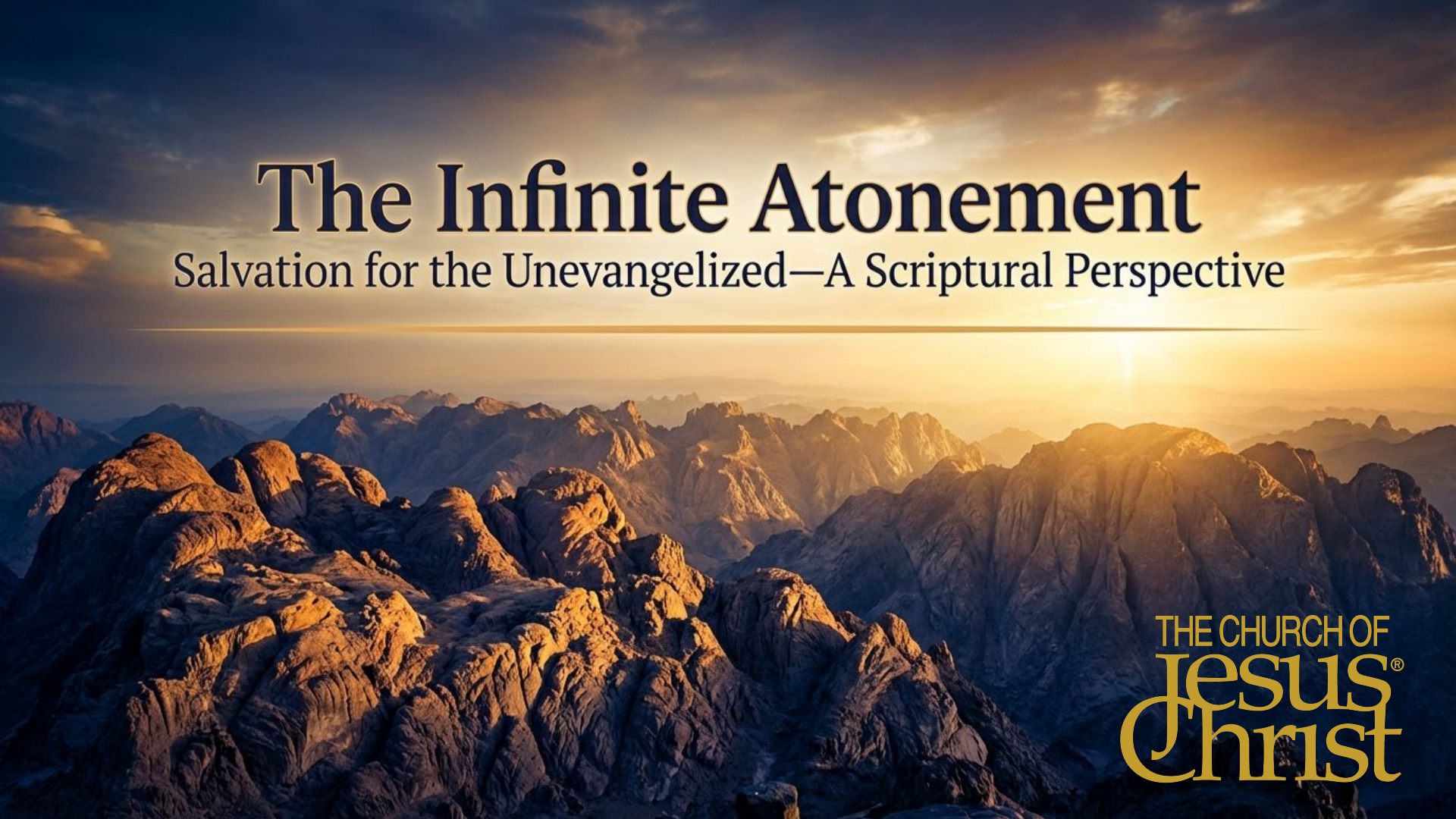




The Infinite Atonement

Salvation for the Unevangelized—A Scriptural Perspective

THE CHURCH OF
Jesus[®]
Christ

A Question in Every Honest Heart

“Shall not the Judge of all the earth
do right?” — Genesis 18:25

What happens to the billions
who lived and died without ever
hearing the name of Jesus Christ?

What happens to the infant
who cannot hear the gospel
and obey?

Would a just God condemn
them for circumstances entirely
beyond their control?

Two theological paths to satisfy justice



Proxy Ordinance

The gospel reaches everyone eventually, but requires living people to provide saving ordinances on behalf of the dead. God's justice is made complete through human intervention.



Infinite Atonement

The scriptures themselves provide a complete answer that requires no proxy ordinances. It requires only absolute trust in the infinite, direct reach of Jesus Christ's sacrifice.

The Scriptures Do Not Leave Us Unanswered

The **Bible** and the **Book of Mormon** address the fate of the unevangelized **directly, repeatedly**, and with **extraordinary clarity**.

They reveal an answer that does not require additional proxy ordinances, but rather profound trust in the direct, infinite Atonement of Jesus Christ.

The absolute clarity of 2 Nephi 9

No Law Given.

(Represents those who never heard the gospel).



No Punishment.

(Justice cannot penalize ignorance).



No Condemnation.

(They are delivered from death and hell).

“Wherefore, **he has given a law**; and where there is **no law given there is no punishment**; and where there is no punishment there is no condemnation...”
(2 Nephi 9:25)

The **Atonement** satisfies justice directly. They are delivered through the sacrifice of Christ Himself, not through secondary rituals.

The Reach of the Atoning Blood

...His blood atoneth for the sins of those who... have died not knowing the will of God concerning them, or who have ignorantly sinned.
— Mosiah 3:11

...those who have died before Christ came, in their ignorance... are brought to pass in the first resurrection.
— Mosiah 15:24

Ignorance

Before Christ Came

The blood of Christ is sufficient for those who sinned in ignorance. It is applied directly by a just God, without the need for an institutional intermediary.

The logic of Moroni 8



Alive in Christ

**Little
Children**

(Incapable of
understanding sin)

Moroni 8:22 explicitly links these two groups: "All little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without the law." If the infinite Atonement covers infants without proxy baptism, it is equally sufficient for adults who lived and died in innocence.

**The
Unevangelized**

(Died without the law to
make repentance possible)

The Biblical Witness: God is No Respector of Persons

The Law Written on the Heart.

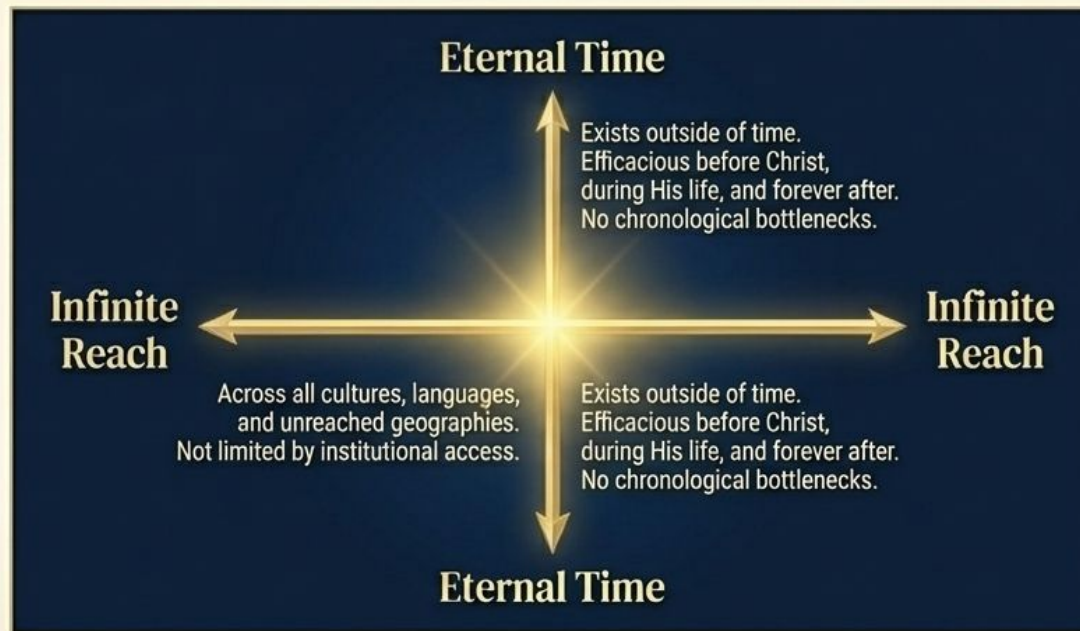
(Romans 2:14-15 &
Romans 5:13) — God
judges the
uninstructed by the
inner light of
conscience, for sin is
not imputed when
there is no law.



Accepted With Him.

(Acts 10:34-35) —
Righteousness is
recognized in every
nation, prior to and
independent of
formal ordinances
(as seen with
Cornelius).

The true scope of the Infinite and Eternal sacrifice

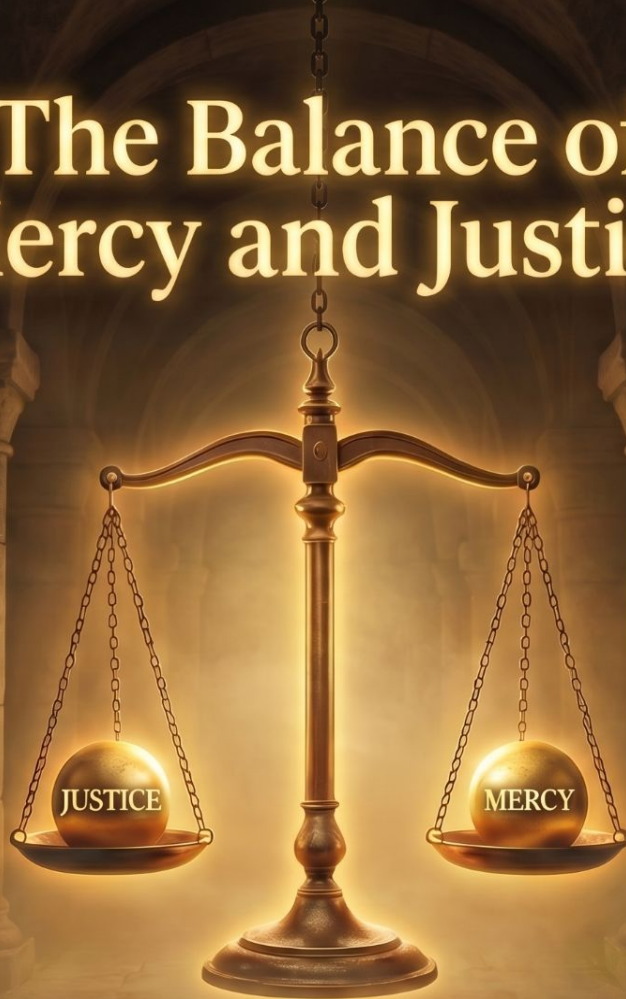


Alma 34:14 declares the Atonement is “infinite and eternal.” These are not decorative adjectives—they describe a sacrifice that willingly and lovingly covers all mankind without needing supplementation by human proxy systems.

The Balance of Mercy and Justice

God remains perfectly just (Alma 42)

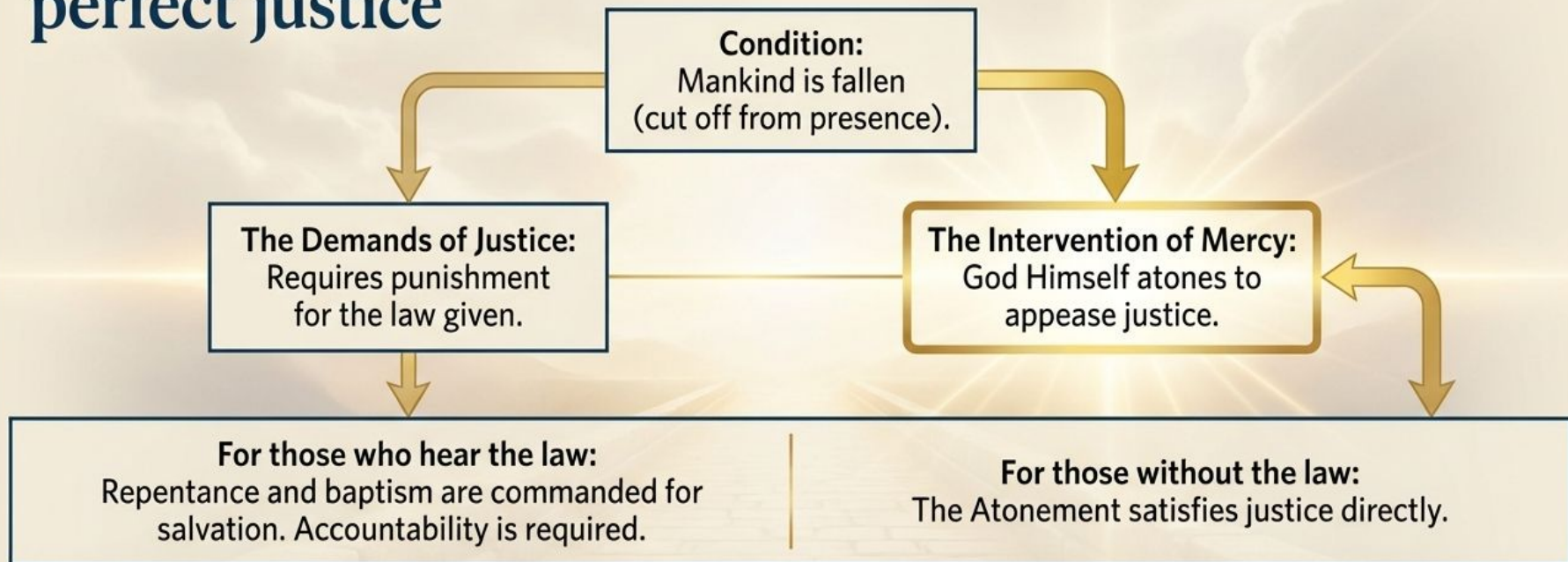
- All mankind was in the grasp of justice.
- God Himself atones to bring about mercy.



Accountability to the Law

- Hope for those who never hear does not diminish the requirements for those who do.
- Baptism and repentance remain required redeeming covenants where the law is given.
- The Spirit and Light of Jesus Christ is given to everyone to discern right from wrong. (See Moroni 7:16, 18)

Perfect mercy does not diminish perfect justice



Hope for the unevangelized does not nullify God's judgment on the ungodly, nor does it erase the requirements for those who do hear the word.



The Keeper of the Gate

“The keeper of the gate is the Holy One of Israel; and he employeth no servant there.” — 2 Nephi 9:41

Christ stands at the gate. He is both the Savior and the perfectly just Judge. The question of the unevangelized is not a logistical problem requiring human engineering. It is a question answered by trusting the God whose Atonement reaches further than any human system ever could.

Trusting the Judge of All the Earth

The question of the unevangelized is not a problem to be solved by human engineering. It is a question to be answered by trusting the God who made them.

He is already just.

His Atonement already reaches them.

The Judge of all the earth will do right.

We place our hope in Christ Jesus alone.

The Prophetic Promise

...the time shall come when the knowledge of a Savior shall spread throughout every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. And behold, when that time cometh, none shall be found blameless before God, except it be little children, only through repentance and faith on the name of the Lord God Omnipotent.

— Mosiah 3:20–21

Until that day, we labor for the Lord to bring this gospel to every person we can reach.



The true work of the Church is for the living

- Christ's command is clear: Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15)
- The Great Commission remains our vital, unfinished task. Our responsibility is to share the good news with the living during this life.
- We labor for the Lord to bring this gospel to every single person we can reach—while trusting with absolute hope in Christ Jesus alone for those we never could.

The Sufficiency of the Infinite Atonement

Salvation for the Unevangelized

THE BOOK OF MORMON'S DIRECT TESTIMONY



WHERE THERE IS NO LAW, THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION

2 Nephi 9:25–26 teaches that the Atonement satisfies justice for those without the law.



BLOOD ATONEMENT FOR THE IGNORANT

Mosiah 3:11 declares Christ's blood atones for those who die not knowing God's will.



“ALIVE IN CHRIST”

Moroni 8:22 places children and those without the law in the same redeemed category.

Infinite and Eternal



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UNEVANGELIZED ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE

Category	Requirement for the Unevangelized	Source Foundation
Justice	Satisfied by the Atonement	2 Nephi 9:26
Ordinances	Not required for those without the law	Moroni 8:22
The Judge	Christ (the Holy One of Israel)	2 Nephi 9:41

SUFFICIENCY OVER SYSTEMS

TRUSTING CHRIST



TRUSTING SYSTEMS



Salvation rests on Christ's infinite reach, not on genealogical databases or proxy rituals.



GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS

Acts 10:34–35 confirms that those who work righteousness in every nation are accepted.



THE FOCUS ON THE LIVING

Our energy belongs to the Great Commission—preaching the gospel to every living creature.

The Urgency of To-Day: Preparing for Eternity

THE DANGER OF PROCRASTINATION

“Do Not Procrastinate”

Alma 34:33 beseeches individuals not to delay repentance until the very end.

THE DAY OF LABOR

This specific life is the designated time for men to perform their labors.

THE NIGHT OF DARKNESS

After this life, a state comes where no further labor can be performed.

THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL CONTINUITY

THE PERSISTENT SPIRIT

The same spirit possessing the body at death remains in the eternal world.

JUSTICE VS. MERCY

MERCY

Mercy claims those who repent.

JUSTICE

While justice executes the law upon the unrepentant.

THE “AWFUL CRISIS”

One cannot simply decide to repent or return to God once death arrives.