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God made provision for the salvation of all men, for every single person. "For the grace of God which bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men" (*Tit. 1:11*). Our gospel is to go to all people (*Mark 16:15*), and the very heart of that gospel message is that "Christ died for our sins" (*1 Cor. 15:3*). Therefore, I can go to any person, whether he will ever be saved or not, and say, "My friend, I have good news for you! Christ died for your sins!" "I bring you good tidings of great joy, **which shall be to all people**" (*Luke 2:10*). May we never limit God's love (*John 3:16*). May we never diminish God's heart of concern for all men without exception (*1 Tim. 2:4*). What an awesome fact, that the Creator, the Almighty God, became a man, went to the Cross, became my Substitute, suffered God's wrath in my place, and bore the penalty for all my sins.

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