

He Gave Himself to Redeem Us From Iniquity

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Titus 2:14-15 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

- I. The cost to redeem us from iniquity was Christ himself.
 - A. He did not give anything else, such as money or things in order to redeem us.
 - B. Our salvation from sin cost the life of the Savior, not something He possessed that He gave.
 - C. The cost for our deliverance was HIM, not some part of him.
 - D. The only way for me to be delivered from my sin and its consequences was for Christ to give HIMSELF for me.
 - E. He laid down his LIFE, not his possessions.
 - F. This is a high price to pay and therefore He deserves to receive what He paid for.
 - G. It is a very wicked and vile thing to defraud the Lord of that for which He paid such a great price.

- II. He redeemed US - He redeemed our life.

Psalms 103:4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Lamentations 3:58 O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.

- A. Therefore, He deserves to have ME - all of me, all that I am, not only all that I possess.
- B. He laid down his life for me and He is worthy for me to lay down my life for Him.
- C. We owe him more than service, and offerings, and sacrifices - we owe him our life.

- III. Christ gave himself for us to purify to himself a peculiar people.

- A. He redeemed us TO HIMSELF - therefore we belong to Him.

1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 7:23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

1 Corinthians 3:23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

- B. The goal and object of Christ giving his life for us is that He wanted to purify a people to himself.
 - 1. Jesus does not save people in their sins - He saves them from their sins.
 - 2. They are brought out of iniquity - not left in it.
 - 3. This is the purpose of his coming, his life, his death, and his resurrection.

4. It is absolutely amazing that men can ignore and lay aside the main purpose of Christ coming to earth for other matters that are much less important.
 5. It is amazing that men can claim to still be sinners and still be under sin's power while claiming to be redeemed by the blood of Christ.
- C. The work of redemption will purify a person and make them a peculiar person.
1. The word means "being beyond usual."
 2. The idea is that they will be unusual people - not just like everyone else.
 3. They will not fit in with the world anymore, because they are different and do not belong there.
- IV. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.
- A. Speak - tell others.
- B. Exhort - encourage others and remind them often of these basic truths.
- C. Rebuke - Stand up to and those who oppose or ignore these basic truths of Christ and check or restrain them.
1. If no one says anything their falsehoods are accepted as truth.
- D. With all authority - God has commanded us to speak, exhort, and rebuke these things, so that is the basis of our authority.
1. It is not simply our creed or our denomination.
 2. These things are not helpful suggestions, but are the commands of God.
- E. Let no man despise thee.
1. Do it in such a way as to command respect and not cause others to despise you.
 2. Those who do despise us because of the message of the true gospel of Christ giving his life to purify to himself a peculiar people are condemned of God himself - they better not despise the message or the heaven-sent messenger.