

INTRODUCTION

- why we need Christmas

*1. Jesus gave Himself to redeem (1:14a)*

- Christ gave Himself as a substitute

Jn. 3:16

- the doctrine of "double imputation"

- He gave Himself "for us"

Gal. 3:13; 2:20; Heb. 7:25; 9:24

- ...because His people are precious to Him

Ps. 116:15

*2. Jesus gave Himself to purify (2:14b)*

- purchased...then cleaned-up

- ...because He owns you — you are His 'peculiar' people

1 Pet. 2:9

Ex. 19:5; Deut. 7:6; 14:2; 26:18

- ...because He will use you — you are to be zealous

Deut. 4:24

Lk. 6:15

Num. 25:6-13

Eph. 2:10

CONCLUSION

"Am I ignitable? God, deliver me from the dread asbestos of 'other things.' Saturate me with the oil of the Spirit that I may be a flame." — *Jim Elliot*