

Titus 2:14 — “4 Results of Christ’s Substitutionary Atonement for Every Believer”

Substitutionary Atonement is the notion that Jesus Christ our Lord, moved by a love that was determined to do everything necessary to save us, endured and exhausted the destructive divine judgment for which we were otherwise inescapably destined, and so won for us forgiveness, adoption and glory. To affirm penal substitution is to say that believers are in debt to Christ specifically for this, and that this is the mainspring of all their joy, peace and praise both now and for eternity. –J.I. Packer

Our study the last few weeks has been describing the **WHAT** Jesus did. (he died *for us/in our place*)

Tonight our text will describe the **RESULTS** of what Jesus did. (what did he accomplish? What’s the effect?)

THESIS — Titus 2:14 gives some wonderful results of the atonement.

>> What’s the intended **purpose**? what are the **results**? what are the **effects** of the work of Christ?

1. Christ **REDEEMED** you (purchase)
2. Christ **CLEANSED** you (purifying)
3. Christ **POSSESSES** you (possession)
4. Christ **TRANSFORMS** you (piety)

- If Christ died for you, in your place then these 4 results **will necessarily** be true for you.
- You can’t say that he died “*for me*” and *not have* these qualities Paul brings out in Titus 2:14b.
- It’s a package deal. All whom *He dies for* receive the glorious results/effects of His saving cross-work (permanently, gloriously, happily). His self-giving *necessarily* accomplishes these 4 benefits for you!

I. CHRIST REDEEMED YOU (14)

To redeem —

Christ liberates us from control by EVERY KIND OF SIN! He sets you free from the controlling POWER of sin!

A Christian *can* resist sin, fight it, mortify it, and put it to death!

II. CHRIST CLEANSED YOU (14)

To Redeem (point 1) speaks of releasing from the *control/power* of sin.

Now, *to Cleanse* (point 2) speaks of removing the *defilement/putrid nature* of sin from Christians.

Cleanses you “for Himself” —

III. CHRIST POSSESSES YOU (14)

Paul incorporates Old Testament phraseology (Ex 19:5; Deut 7:6; 14:2; 26:18; Ezek 37:23) to show the parallel of God’s great and peculiar and treasured and costly love for His elect people whom He redeemed. Using this phraseology does *not* mean that we are the new Israel of God. [Thus, the church has *not* superseded or replaced Israel]. Similarity does not equate identity. Rather, we are possessed and peculiarly loved as God’s treasured possession -- just as God faithfully demonstrated with Israel.

To be God’s own possession —

The phrase here signifies 4 nuances all inter-connected: (1) Love; (2) Protection; (3) Provision and (4) Delight.

IV. CHRIST TRANSFORMS YOU (14)

To be “zealous” — speaks of one who is eager or enthusiastic; full of passion, focus, earnestness & diligence.

Faith alone saves, but the faith that saves is never alone but will always be accompanied by the fruit of righteousness (Phil 1.11; John 15:1-10).

- ✓ May God increase our **zeal** for His glory!
- ✓ May God accelerate our **zeal** for holiness!
- ✓ May God enlarge our **zeal** for prayer!
- ✓ May God enflame our **zeal** for worship!
- ✓ May God solidify our **zeal** for brotherly-love!
- ✓ May God expand our **zeal** for Christ!

“Zeal for your House will consume me!” (John 2:17 quoting Psalm 69:9).

PECULIAR ARE THE SAINTS!*To the tune of: “Rejoice the LORD is King!”*

Peculiar are the saints,
 And God does them esteem;
 Though numerous are their wants,
 They all things have in him;
 He is their treasure and their joy,
 Nor can they ever starve or die.

Bought with the blood of Christ,
 --Peculiar price indeed!--
 Their God becomes their Priest,
 And they from sin are freed;
 Peculiar must the blessing be,
 Which makes insolvent wretches free.

Loved from eternity,
 And chosen in the Lamb,
 Th’Eternal One-in-Three,
 Jehovah, Great I AM,
 Himself has bound, by holy ties,
 To take them up beyond the skies.

Their birth is from above;
 Peculiar indeed;
 Begotten, not of blood,
 But of immortal seed;
 From Christ, their Head, their life proceeds,
 And to him it most surely leads.

Peculiar is the grace,
 Which makes their bliss secure;
 Its beauties none can trace,
 Nor know its saving power;
 None but this little favored few
 Can know what endless love can do.

They live, and live to God,
 A life that’s known by few;
 Their Father’s staff and rod,
 Support and comfort too;
 Christ is their Life, nor can they die,
 For hell can ne’er their life destroy.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found;
 He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This cornerstone, this solid ground,
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My comforter, my all in all—
 Here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay,
 Light of the world by darkness slain;
 Then bursting forth in glorious day,
 Up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory,
 Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am His and He is mine—
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
 Fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 Scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Till on that cross as Jesus died,
 The wrath of God was satisfied;
 For ev’ry sin on Him was laid—
 Here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
 This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
 From life’s first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man,
 Can ever pluck me from His hand;
 Till He returns or calls me home—
 Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.”