

Jesus Christ—Our Redeeming Father

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I. Introduction.

A. Christmas is about God's invitation to become part of the family of God.

B. Text: Titus 2:11-13.

II. The coming of Jesus was an act of redemption by God—it was an invitation. (John 3, Galatians 4)

A. God's invitation of salvation is extended to every person.

B. If everyone has been invited to be saved, all should be saved.

C. This does not mean that all will be saved. All men who received Christ are saved, but no men who reject Him are.

III. The purposes of God's coming.

A. To pardon men from their sin.

1. We are obligated to fulfill the penalty of breaking the law.

2. The unbeliever is lawless.

3. The law requires death as payment.

4. We must either pay our debt, or God must provide a substitute.

5. All of humanity was helpless apart from a sinless substitute.

B. To purify men.

1. Redemption provides the means by which a person can be purified.

2. This occurs through the Holy Spirit.

C. To gain a people for His own possession. (I Peter 2:9)

D. To prepare a special people for ministry.

1. God's goal is to prepare people for good works.

2. Believers proclaim the Excellency of Jesus Christ.

IV. Christ purchased every believer after He redeemed them so that they could become His possession. Jesus died on the cross in order to liberate us from sin and solve the problem of separation from God. (Ephesians 1:7)

V. Redemption is not just deliverance of sin; it is the deliverance of the whole person.

VI. Creation will be redeemed. (Romans 8:19)

VII. Jesus did not pay off the devil in redemption; He paid off man's sin debt.

A. If one has broken one law, he has broken them all. (I John 2)

B. We all must receive Christ as personal Savior to receive redemption.

Application questions:

1. What is redemption? Why is it necessary?

2. Why is redemption needed for ministry?

3. How you respond to someone who says that Christ died to pay off the devil? Explain.
