The Appropriate Response to the Gift of Christ

Titus 2:14

Introduction:

A. Christ gave himself *for* us – a gift of love (Eph. 5:26; Gal. 2:20).
B. We must give ourselves *to* him (Luke 14:33)
C. Our text spells out a three-fold response to the gift of Christ.

Discussion:

I. Our Redemption – "redeem us for all iniquity"

A. Christ is:
   1. Our redemption (1 Cor 1:30)
   2. Our salvation (Luke 1:68, 69)
   3. Our reconciliation (Eph. 2:14-17)

B. Yet, we are commanded to:
   1. Be redeemed/forgiven through obedience (Eph. 1:7; Acts 2:38; 22:16).
   2. Be saved (Acts 2:40).
   3. Be reconciled (2 Cor. 5:18-20).

II. Our Purity – "purify unto himself..."

A. We must purify ourselves (1 Pet. 1:22, 23)
B. We must keep ourselves pure (1 Tim. 5:22; Jas. 1:27).

III. Our Zeal – "zealous of good works"

A. Zeal to save souls (Acts 8:4).
B. Zeal for God's house. (Cf. John 2:17; Psa. 122:1; 1 Tim 3:15).
   1. Zeal to assemble with church (Heb. 10:25).
   2. Zeal for the worship of the church.
   3. Zeal for doing share of the work of the church (Eph. 4:16).
C. Zeal for every good work (cf. 1 Tim. 5:10).

Conclusion:

A. What is your response to the gift of Christ?
   1. Indifference?
   2. Rejection?
   3. Acceptance?
B. Why not give yourself to him today?