

“WORD OF LIFE”

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IN HIS DEATH

1 - Giving Himself **for the Believers** That He Might Redeem Them and Purify to Himself a People for **His Own Possession as His Peculiar Treasure**

Hymn 496, 214, 39

Ephesians 5:2 – “*And walk in love, even as **Christ** also *loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.*”*

- Christ **loved** us.
- **gave Himself up** for us.
 - an **offering** (to have fellowship with God)
 - a **sacrifice to God** (for redemption from sin)
- for a **sweet-smelling savor** to God

In **His death** Christ gave Himself for the believers

- that He might **redeem** us
- to **purify** to Himself a people
- for His own **possession** as His **peculiar treasure**.

In **Galatians 2:20** Paul says, “*I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the **Son of God**, who *loved me and gave Himself for me.*”*

- The title “**Christ**” in **Ephesian 5:2**, mainly denotes,
 - **Christ’s mission**
 - **to carry out** God’s plan.
- The title “**the Son of God**” in **Galatians 2:20**, denotes
 - **Christ’s person**
 - **to impart God’s life into us.**

The Son of God loved us and purposely gave Himself for us **that** He might **impart** the **divine life** into us.

In **Titus 2:14** Paul says that Christ “*gave Himself **for us**, that He might **redeem us** from all lawlessness and purify to Himself a people for His own **possession**, zealous of good works.*”

- The words “**for us**” here mean **on our behalf**.
- To **redeem** means to **buy with a price** (1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 Tim. 2:6).

✚ Christ gave Himself for us **not only** that He might **redeem** us from all lawlessness **but also** purify to Himself a people for His peculiar **treasure** and His own **possession**.

*(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 70, point 1)
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