"The Heart's Inter-Change" "Where Your Treasure Is, There Your Heart Will Be Also." Deuteronomy 7: 1 - 26 February 26, 2012

"Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come." (1 Corinthians 10:11 ESV)

- God's Call For His People To Be A Treasured Possession Requires Purity In Identity, Nature, Station & Might, (1 26)
 Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Can Not Inter-mix With The World, (vs. 1 5)
 - B. There is a definitive command from God to be separate from the world, (vs. 2)
 - 1. The Lord your God will give you victory over the old worldly nature, (vs. 2a); "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."" (Mark 8:34–38, ESV)

2. The Lord your God requires that you not show mercy to the old nature, (vs. 2b); "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all." (Colossians 3:5-11, ESV)

- C. There is an unalterable requirement not to intermarry with the world, (vs. 3 4)
- D. There is an undeniable mandate to maintain the purity of our relationship with God, (vs. 5)
- <u>Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Can Not Inter-relate With The World, (vs. 6 11)</u>
- Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Can Not Inter-exchange With The World, (vs. 12 16)
- Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Can Not Inter-connect With The World, (vs. 17 26)