

A PECULIAR PEOPLE

Text: Titus 2:14

¹¹ For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, ¹² Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; ¹³ Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Introduction

1. What is it to be a Peculiar People?

- a. Webster's: "odd, unusual, strange." Many common synonyms. Oxford: "special" as a secondary meaning.
- b. The Greek is *periousios*. *Peri* = around or surround. *Ousios* = to be or being. Thus a surrounded or embraced possession. The phrase *laos periousios* is found in the LXX of Dt 7:6; Dt 14:2; Dt 26:18; Ex 19:5. Cf. 1 Pet 2:9 (where *peropoiēsis*, redeemed or "purchased possession"- Eph 1:14 is used).
- c. We are:
 - 1 Pet 2:10—
 - Dt 7:6—
 - Dt 32:10—
 - Isa 62:12—
 - Col 3:12—
 - Ezk 34:3; 1 Pet 5:2—
 - Dt 4:20—
 - 1 Pet 5:3—
 - Mal 3:17—
 - Rev 21:2, 9—

2. What are our Privileges as a Peculiar People?

- **S**aved (v. 11; 14).
- **P**urified (v. 14)
- **E**mpowered (v. 14; cf. Eph 2:10).
- **C**overed (cf. Dt 7:6)
- **I**nstructed (Jer 31:31-24; 2 Tim 3:16-17)
- **A**cknowledge (Mal 3:17).
- **L**oved (Dt 7:7-8).

3. What are our Responsibilities as a Peculiar People?

- a. Good Works (v. 14; Mt 5:16; WCF 16).
- b. Obedience (v. 14; Dt 26:18; cf. Ex 34:28; Dt 4:13; Ex 31:13; Heb 4:9).
- c. Witness (Mt 5:16; Jn 17:15-20; Mt 28:18-20).

Conclusion