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| **Are You a Peculiar Person?** **Are You Zealous of Good Works?** |

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**You should be!**  
**Titus 2:14 - *Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.***

**By the way, the only other verse in the NT that mentions being a peculiar people is I Peter 2:9,10 - But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.**

* It is not directed to us.
* It is directed TO the time during the tribulation.
  + ***a chosen generation*** is the Jews, not the Gentiles
  + ***A royal priesthood***are the Jews
  + ***an holy nation*** - Jews
  + ***a peculiar people*** - Jews
    - **Exodus 19:5**
    - **Deuteronomy 14:2**
    - **Deuteronomy 26:18**
    - **Psalm 135:4**
  + ***in time past were not a people*** - the Jews were not until Abraham, etc.
* But a Jew is certainly willing to be that peculiar people after all their tribulation over the years of the past - and yet to come, etc. - yet they are still willing to be zealous towards good works.
  + Sadly, though - they are wrong in their zealousness.
  + **Romans 10:2**

**It is good for us to be zealous of a good thing.**  
**Galatians 4:18**

**Must be zealous toward God correctly.**  
**Acts 22:3**  
**Romans 10:2**

**Zealous of the law?**  
**Acts 21:20**

**Zealous of traditions?**  
**Galatians 1:14**

**Zealous of spiritual gifts?**  
**selfish?**  
**I Corinthians 14:12**

**Zealously affected wrongly?**  
They won't have you around, but you will have them around?  
**Galatians 4:17**  
Why can't we be as zealous as them when it comes to 'from such turn away, withdraw thyself, have no company with, etc.?"

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***that he might redeem us from all iniquity,***  
***and purify unto himself a peculiar people,***  
***zealous of good works.***  
**Titus 2:14**

**Define "*peculiar"***  
*[L. peculiaris, from peculium, one's own property, from pecus, cattle.]*  
*1.  Appropriate; belonging to a person and to him only.*  
*2.  Singular; particular.*  
*3.  Particular; special.*  
*4.  Belonging to a nation, system or other thing, and not to others.*

We belong to God - why do we fight what He would have us be?

**Let's look at Titus 2:14 closely.**

***gave himself***  
**Galatians 1:4**  
**Galatians 2:20**  
**I Timothy 2:6**

***unto himself***  
**II Corinthians 5:19**  
**Philippians 3:21**  
**Colossians 1:20**

**It was Christ that did it all for us today.**

* Christ told those in the times of the Gospel to do certain things to follow Him.
* Us?  He did it all for us.

**That makes us peculiar on the inside!**

* But few are aware of that.
* We should also be peculiar on the outside.

**And be zealous about doing right.**

* Be zealous about dressing modestly, being quiet, etc.
* Be zealous about making those changes in your life, etc.

**Why is it so hard for some to be zealous of good works?**

* 1) Forces a true witness
* 2) Makes one be a good example instead of a bad example.
  + It is easier to be a bad example than a good one.
* 3) Beats the flesh (vs mind, not the Spirit)
* 4) More than talk
  + anyone can talk Paul!
* 5) Addicted to grace
  + grace abusers
* 6) Be alone in your battles
  + This is why the brethren need to grow in love towards one another!
  + This is why the brethren are not to judge or put one at naught - **Romans 14**
* 7) We don't get vexed!
  + (all old testament doctrine).
    - Our soul is now cleansed and kept cleansed always!
    - Our spirit is now HIS Holy Spirit in us and is sealed.
    - Flesh?  not vexed, it is still dirty - but those 'rewards' come later at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Be zealous!  
Go for it!  
Be different from the world by being right with God!