

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**
 - **Psalms 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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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!
