

## **SERMON: A PECULIAR PEOPLE**

### **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.**

### **Introduction**

How to keep the church from becoming just like the world? This was the challenge Titus faced on the island of Crete. In giving an answer to Titus, Paul focused on the importance of qualified church leadership, godly conduct within the church, and a Christ-honoring testimony before the world. With the onslaught of secular humanism and corruption at every level of society, the church is in much of the same predicament today. How do we change the world without letting the world change us? How do we remain both relevant and righteous? How do we keep the boat in the water, but keep the water out of the boat?

Paul wanted Titus to remind the church that it is supposed to be different. He used the term “peculiar” to describe church folks. As the church realigns itself in the light of the pandemic, we will have to change somethings - of course, we will - but we must never lose our uniqueness. We are challenged to use the gift of technology in a beneficial way. We must always make sure our worship, our witnessing, and our good work are worthy of our calling. Let’s see what he meant by this term “peculiar” and apply it to our lives.

### **Exposition**

#### **1. Delightfully Unique.**

(Special In A Positive Way.)

(Was Used To Describe Precious Jewelry.)

#### **2. Designed For A Special Purpose.**

(Used To Describe A Gifted Artist Or Orator.)

(We are Saved To Serve..)

#### **3. Dwelling Outside Of The Perimeter.**

(The Great Land Owners Who Lived Outside Of The City.)

#### **4. Denoted The Royal Family.**

(We Are Descendants Of A Royal Spiritual Bloodline.)

(We Are The Spiritual Descendants Of Abraham.)

### **Closing Thoughts**

We must never forget “who we are” and “Whose we are.” Christ shed His blood for the church; we were bought with a price – a high price!  
Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

### **Related Scriptures**

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9**

**Romans 12:2**

**Galatians 3:13-14**

### **End Note**

The Greek word for peculiar is “periousios.” It is strong reference number 4041. Pronounced “per-ee-oo-see-os.” It is derived from the prefix “peri” which means about, near, or around, and “eimi” the verb to be. It means to be separate and distinct yet near. From this same Greek word, we get our English words perimeter and periscope.

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