

A Peculiar People

1 Peter 2:1-12



*“... a people for his
[God’s] own possession.”*

(ESV; NASB)

*“... His own special
people.” (NKJV)*

“... God’s own people.”

(NRSV)

Def. = “strange; odd;
uncommon; unusual;
distinctive in character
from others.”

(Dictionary.com)

*“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
marvelous light.”*
(1 Peter 2:9, KJV)

Why Were They a “*Peculiar People*?”

- They were *peculiar* because they were a people who belonged to God!
- They were *peculiar* because God has always wanted his people to be different from the world in which they live!
 - **1 Peter 4:3-4**
- They were *peculiar* because God wants his people to be separate from the world in which they live!
 - **2 Corinthians 4:14-18**



N.T. Christians Were NOT “*Peculiar*” in:

- What they ate.
 - **1 Timothy 4:1-5; 1 Corinthians 8:8**
- Their physical appearance ... no particular style of dress (assuming it was modest!)
- Their occupations ... how they made a living.
 - Tent-makers
 - Merchants
 - Slaves
 - Etc.



N.T. Christians WERE “*Peculiar*” in:

- Name
 - **Acts 11:26; 26:28;**
1 Peter 4:16
- Faith
 - **Romans 1:8**
- Life
 - **1 Peter 4:3-4**
- Worship
 - **John 4:24; Acts 2:42**
- Knowledge
 - **Hebrews 8:11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 3:18**
- Speech
 - **Titus 2:8**



Why would someone want to be ...

Peculiar?

To belong to God!

To receive the benefits of Christ's sacrifice!

To receive God's grace!

To have the hope of heaven!