

Title: Peculiar People

Text: (1 Peter 2:9)

I. People Of God: (2Cor 6:16) Ownership, Identity

Illus: My Kids: more than just in name only.

We are to ...

Identify with Him: (Jer 7:23)

Be Called by His name: (2 Chr 7:14)

Christian used to mean something

It's Time to Take Back the word Christian to mean what it was supposed to mean – ie. Christ-Like

Embody His Character: (Phil 2:2-8)

***Peculiar:** Appropriate; belonging to a person alone. Belonging to a nation, system or other thing, & not to others.*

Camouflage: The purpose of camouflage is to blend in to one's surroundings.

To Conceal one self's true identity and position.

Does God want us to blend in to our surroundings?

Our Surroundings (Jn 17:11) *We are in the World!*

We are NOT to blend in. (Mt 5:14-16)

The League of Closet Christians:

Nicodemus: Jn 3:1-2

Joseph of Arimathea: Jn 19:38

Rulers of the Jews: Jn 12:42

Parents of the healed blind man. Jn 9:22

How bout you? Do your friends know?

Are you a member of the Closet Christians?

What is the purpose of us standing out in these surroundings?

Opportunity to Bring God Glory: (Matt 5:16)

We are to be seen.

Ambassadors: (Model/Project Him)

(2 Cor 5:20, Jn 20:21)

How are you projecting Him now? (Phil 2:13-16)

What do others see!

To be People of God, that reflect God as He is, we must be...

II. People of Grace: *Illus: God hates the Sin, loves sinners,*

(Prov 6:16-19) These are Actions, not people

a. Patient: When others need time to grow. (I Cor 13:11)

(John 13:34-35) Known as His disciples by our love one for another.

b. Longsuffering: Kind when others need another chance.

*Illus: **Rock Music, Foul Language, Aren't you glad people gave you time to grow rather than just whoop you socially.***

c. Matt 18:15,22 *Illus: Aren't you glad God gives us another chance!* Is 30:18-19

III. **People of Guidance:** His name is Counselor (Is 9:6)

a. **We live according to the book:** Prov 30:5
Pure Ps 12:6

i. **Jesus declared it to be:** worth following.
Lk4:4

ii. **Jesus declared it to be truth:** Jn 17:17

iii. **We must believe it personally:** 1 Th 2:13

iv. **We must obey it:** James 1:22

b. **Competent to direct others to the**

Scriptures: *Illus: To be a good leader, you start by being a good follower*

i. 2 Tim 2:15, *Study to show thyself approved,*

ii. 1 Pet 3:15 *Ready to give an answer*

IV. **People of Godliness:**

a. **Can see you've been with Jesus:** Acts 4:13

b. **Can see Jesus in you:** Acts 11:26

(2 Cor 6:14-16) *And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

c. **We attract what we are:** *Illus: You are who you Run with. "My Dad. Tell me who your friends are, and I will tell you what you are!"*

d. Are you a friend of Jesus? *Illus: Can others tell you RUN with Him, EVER? LATELY?*

V. **People of Gumption:** People of the Blood, Book, Blessed Hope

a. **Not Passive:** Rev 3:15-16 Luke Warm

b. **Not Apathetic:** Indifferent - Not satisfied with just sitting there and letting the world go to hell.

c. **Active:** Jn 3:16 compelled to action

d. **Militant:** Organized-

i. **Having a definite soul winning plan:**
Sweetheart List

ii. Actual Prayer time for specific people. Mark 9:28-29

iii. Actual Time each week to visit & call people

Privileges, Requirements, & Responsibilities

(1 Pet 2:9)

Chosen Generation

Royal Priesthood

Holy Nation

Peculiar People

Our Job-To Show forth the Praises of Him.

Lk 12:48 Much is given, much is required!

Illus: Oddly it seems that many modern day Christians have redefined Liberty in Christ to mean

*free to do anything we want, as long as it is not sin,
and free to do Nothing for the Lord.*

(Deut 10:12; Micah 6:8)

What is Our DUTY to God?

- I. **We are to Deny Ourselves:** Lk 9:23-26
 - a. Vs 23 – Come after me
 - i. Deny Ourselves-A Choice
 - ii. Take up the Cross- An Action
 - iii. Follow Me-
 - b. Vs 24 – Lose his life for my sake
- II. **We are to Humble Ourselves:** 1Pet 5:5
 - a. James 4:5-6,10
 - b. 2 Chron 7:14
- III. **We are to Submit Ourselves:** James 4:7-9
 - a. Submit to God
 - b. Draw Nigh – Recognize God as our source for provision and rely on Him.
- IV. **We are to Judge Ourselves:** 1 Cor 11:31-32
 - a. **We are to Examine Ourselves:** 1Cor 11:28 Take Inventory!
- V. **We are to Keep Ourselves:** Jude 21 *To Tend, to feed, to maintain,*
 - a. Keep Pure 1 Tim 5:22
 - b. Keep unspotted from the World – James 1:27 (Influences)
 - c. Keep from Idols 1 Jn 5:21 (Guard against Covetousness)