

A PECULIAR PEOPLE

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Paul pointed out to Titus that Christ “*gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*” (Titus 2:14) A “**peculiar**” person, to the average individual, is looked upon as odd or strange. While Christians may appear odd or strange to a deceived, lost world, this is not the meaning of the word used by the Holy Spirit. It is from the Greek word **periousion**, which is made up of two words, one which means “**around**” as a circle, and the second means, “**to be.**” It can be illustrated by a dot within a circle. As the circle is around the dot and the dot is in the circle, so God is around each of His people and each one of His people is in Him. The circle monopolizes the dot, has the dot all to itself. So God has His own all to Himself. They are His own private, unique possession. They are designated as the church “*of God*” (Acts 20:28) and “*of Christ.*” (Rom. 16:16) They are unique, a redeemed possession of God.

Notice also, that Christians are zealous of good works. (Titus 2:14) That is, they are always ready and willing to do good for others and to take care of whatever they need. It is wonderful to be a Christian, because all spiritual blessings are “*in Christ.*” (Eph. 1:3)

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