

WORD OF THE DAY



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"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;"

Children of God are ([Peculiar](#))



Greetings. In week 5 of our series titled *Children of God*, we bring clarity to the point that Children of God are peculiar.

Peculiar people are different. The word peculiar is defined as, "*characteristic of only one person, group, or thing : distinctive (2) special, particular (3) odd, curious (4) eccentric. When something is peculiar, it stands out*". For example, you may be eating your lunch that you eat every day, and suddenly you notice a peculiar taste. You may be in an art gallery and notice a peculiar piece of art. Or you might find it peculiar that it is warm and sunny in the winter. When something is peculiar, it stands out from what is expected.

Bible characters were peculiar. Being peculiar means being different, but God does not call us to be peculiar just for the purpose of being odd or weird. For example, John the Baptist ate only locust and honey, this is different, but this is not the peculiar we are speaking of. Samson had super-human strength and could kill a squad of men all by himself, this made him different, but this is not the peculiar we are speaking about. Peter was a spit-fire, both brave and fearful at the same time, this was different, but this is not the peculiar addressed in our verse of the day.

Following God in this world is peculiar. In our verse of the day Peter tells us, "*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*". If you are a child of God, by default you are part of the Royal Priesthood of believers - meaning we serve as a mediator between the people and God. But unlike Jesus who mediated by serving as a sacrifice for sin through His death, we mediate through our life. We do this by being a living sacrifice through a holy lifestyle.

Children of God are peculiar because living for God is a very peculiar thing to do in a world living for self. Where fornication is the norm, abstinence is peculiar. Where selfishness is routine, self-less-ness is peculiar. Where telling lies are common to get ahead, speaking the truth is peculiar. Let us dare to be different, because **God's children are Peculiar**.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The purpose of your peculiarity is to stand out[words, actions, lifestyle] and illuminate the darkness, pointing others to the light of Christ.

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for choosing me to be part of your Royal Priesthood. This priesthood is unlike the institutional priesthood of old which had to make sacrifices to atone for sins, and it is not like the priesthood of modern organized religion which focuses mainly on the carrying out of the sacraments and other duties. This priesthood is a call to be different, a call to be holy and set apart; a call to be a living sacrifice for your glory. Help me to walk in this calling each and every day to the glory of God. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

Your brother in Christ, WNL

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