

The Lord's Own Special People

Titus 2:14

Introduction:

- A. Christians a "peculiar people" (KJ) or "His own special people" (NKJ)
 - 1. Terms first applied to Israel (Deut. 7:6; 14:2; 26:18)
 - 2. Should produce a positive attitude
 - 3. Not a "ordinary," but a "special people."
- B. This verse reveals four *characteristics* of God's people that make them special.

Discussion:

- I. They Are a Redeemed People** ("*He Might Redeem Us.*")
 - A. Were "sold under sin". (Romans 7:14).
 - 1. To be slaves to it. (Rom. 6:15-23).
 - 2. To reap its wages (Rom. 6:23).
 - B. Now redeemed by His blood. (Col. 1:13-14; Acts 20:28)
- II. They Are a Law Keeping People** ("*From Every Lawless Deed.*"- NKJ)
 - A. Redeemed from a life of breaking law - sin. (cf. 1 John 3:4)
 - B. Redeemed to a life of keeping law.
 - 1. Under law to Christ. (1 Cor. 9:19-21).
 - 2. Must continue in law. (Jas. 1:25).
- III. They Are a Purified People** ("*Purify for Himself.*")
 - A. A purified record. (Heb. 10:1-18).
 - B. A purified life. (cf. 1 Tim. 5:22).
 - 1. Unspotted from world. (Jas. 1:27)
 - 2. Fit for heaven. (Rev. 21:27).
- IV. They Are a Zealous People** ("*Zealous of Good Works.*")
 - A. Zeal according to knowledge. (Rom. 10:1.2).
 - B. Works according to the scriptures. (2 Tim. 3:16,17)
 - C. To zealously:
 - 1. Worship and serve God. (Heb. 10:25-29).
 - 2. Do our share of church work.. (Eph. 4:16).
 - 3. Do good to all men. (Gal. 6:10)

Conclusion:

- A. Do you want to be one of God's own special people?
- B. Be redeemed by obedience. (Acts 22:16; Acts 2:38).