

## Peculiar People

*Who 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*

In modern English the word peculiar means weird, strange, odd, and abnormal. None of us want to be considered odd or weird. That may rub us the wrong way but in the Greek the word indicates a “special” or “treasured” people. I like the idea of being God’s treasure.

The Bible tells us about many different people. We learn of kings and rich men like Job as well as poor men who faithfully served the Lord. We read of faithful followers who were well educated people like Paul and Luke and others who worked hard at trades such as fisherman and farmers. Joseph followed God through difficult times and became a great ruler, Rahab was a harlot who trusted God and was not destroyed with her city. There is no perfect mold for God’s followers; however, in their differences they manifest the glory of God because Jesus gave Himself to save them, and purified them, that they should live for Him.

I Peter 2:9 states, *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a 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.* We are all different but to God we are His treasured people chosen to show His praises. You are special to Him because He purified you that you should be passionate about serving Him with good works.