

## A Peculiar People, Zealous Of Good Works

### I. Introduction:

A. As a saint, a Christian, a disciple of Christ; do you realize how special you are to God and what comes with that (**I Peter 2:1-12**)?

1. The fact that we, who were not a people, can now be and are the children of God (**Romans 9:23-26**).

2. The fact that though we are expected to do good works, which we shall discuss a little in this lesson, it was NOT our good works that put us in a position to be such a special people (**II Timothy 1:8-10**).

B. Two words we are going to talk about today:

1. Peculiar [περιούσιος]: “Being beyond usual, i.e. special (one's own): — peculiar. That which is one's own, belonging to one's possessions; a people selected by God from the other nations for his own possession” (Strong's # 4041).

2. Zealous [ζηλωτής]: “Zealous. One burning with zeal, a zealot; used of God as jealous of any rival and sternly vindicating his control; most eagerly desirous of, zealous for, a thing to acquire a thing, (zealous of); to defend and uphold a thing, vehemently contending for a thing” (Strong's # 2207).

### II. Body: **Titus 2:11-14**

A. The responsibility that comes with growing in God's grace (**II Peter 3:18**).

1. Think of the process that was written to the saints in Ephesus (**Ephesians 2:1-10**).

2. That the Ephesians saints were told to “grow up into him in all things” (**Ephesians 4:15**).

3. The goal of that growth (**Colossians 1:10**).

B. Understanding the value of being the redeemed (**Ephesians 1:3-7**).

1. The price and the expectation that comes with that high price (**I Peter 1:13-20** and **I Peter 2:21-25**).

2. Jesus was the ransom (**Matthew 20:28**).

3. Understanding that we are freed from sin (**Romans 6:3-6**).

C. Understanding who's we are, and how we are such, then burning with zeal in a good way (**II Corinthians 9:1-2**, **Colossians 4:12-13**, **Revelation 3:19**, etc.).

1. I say in a good way, because there is certainly a zeal we need to avoid that is much more common (**Romans 10:1-3**).

2. A all consuming zeal (**Psalms 119:130-140** and **John 2:13-17**).

3. The kind of zeal that sets us apart (i.e. **Acts 24:1-5**).

III. Conclusion: Though we certainly cannot/would not do as Phinehas under the Law of Christ, think about his zeal and the Lord's favor on him (**Numbers 25:1-13**).