A Peculiar People

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INTRODUCTION

- This morning we're going to be talking about a peculiar people. Standing out, standing up, and standing firm, because those are the things that we are called upon to do.
- So if we are supposed to be conforming to God's image, if we are supposed to be elevated to that image, what should the world expect when they see us?

1 Put Away Malice and Desire the Pure Milk

1 Peter 2:1–2

- This word malice here, although incorporating that is the term for all wickedness.
- Put these things away, but not only put these things away, desire pure milk of the word.
- He says, you need to put those things away, and you need to desire to be filled first with the things that God would have you be filled with.

2 Growing Spiritually as Living Stones Built Up

1 Peter 2:4–6

- You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- Christ was laid first. He is the foundation. He is the first building block. He is the one that sets the pattern and dictates the way.
- Our power as children of God is not in our individuality. The strength that we have as children of God is in our reliance upon God the Father and God the Son.
- Baptism is the beginning of something. It's not the end of a thing.

3 Abstainers Who Differ From the World Around Us

1 Peter 2:11–12; 1 Peter 2:15–17

- Paul wrote to Titus that Christ died to redeem for himself a people that were zealous for good works, zealous for good things.
- We're to be abstainers. We're to be the people that differ from the world around us.
- There's too much temptation to wear what the world wears. There's too much temptation to talk like the world. There's too much temptation to go where the world goes.
- Our obligation is to show through our action what the will of God is.

4 The Holy Nation Glorifies the Name of the Father

1 Peter 2:12

- The point of the holy nation is to bring glory back to the name of the Father.

- Glory taken from the name of the Father by our sin, returned to the Father by our being holy in our conduct.
- What is your chief identity? Is it to be a child of God? Or is it to fill up some aching material need?
- Who you are online. Is it the same person that you know you ought to be in the real world?
- Once you have alienated them with what you think, you're probably never going to reach them with the truth.

5 A Royal Priesthood Serves the Purposes of the Father

1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Peter 2:15

- We're supposed to be a royal priesthood. We're supposed to serve the purposes of the Father.
- See then that you walk circumspectly not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil.
- The priesthood was supposed to be those that taught the truth. We're supposed to be those that taught the truth.
- Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven.

6 A Chosen Generation Belongs to the Father

Hebrews 11:14–16

- The chosen generation is a generation, a genus, a family that belongs to the Father. We are in fact his family.
- What if my first identity were to be a child of God?
- You will never have more and better opportunities to teach the gospel than you do right now.
- Bring the word of God back into the home around the dinner table and around family time.

THE CHALLENGE

Is that who we are this morning? Are we the chosen? Are we the royal? Are we the holy?

MY NOTES