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Purchased People Are Peculiar - Are You?

I remember when I was a child hearing Christians misuse the King James rendering of Peter's words in 1 Peter 2:9. "You are a peculiar people." Whenever there was a social misfit or a person "whose eyeballs don't line up with the holes in his head," someone would say, "Well the Bible says we are to be peculiar, and he is the "peculiarest" person I have ever known. They failed to understand that in 1611, when the translation was made, the word "peculiar" was used to describe those who have been purchased. However, Christians actually are different.

Christians are different in how they treat other Christians. Early in the second century, a Roman official described Christians and ended his description by saying, "But oh how they love each other." We do. Each week when services end, I marvel at just how many stand for such a long time to visit with their brethren. The building is filled with love. So many times this has been expressed to me about the love you have for fellow Christians.

Christians are different in how they care for each other. We send cards to each other. We pray for each other, and this is seen so often in posts on Facebook when so many say to a hurting Christian, "I am praying for you." We encourage each other. We exhort each other. We lift up when there is adversity in our lives. We care for others because He cares.

Christians are different in the moral values which rule our lives. I recall a Christian whose boss told him to lie as to whether he was in the office. The Christian refused and said, "I will not tell a lie. You need to know that if I will lie for you, I will lie to you." Our world is filled with liars, but Christians are different. We cannot seem to forget those closing words of Revelation 21:8. Our values are so different!

Christians are different in our views about marriage. We enter marriage with a view of the lifetime commitment to our mates. Even in the struggles which come in marriage, we rarely even think about the "D word"—it is not in our vocabulary. We have not bought into the world's view of same-sex "marriage" because He who created marriage retains the right to define it!

Christians are different in how we are entertained. We do not spend time like others who "rejoice in iniquity" (1 Cor. 13:6) nor do we find pleasure in seeing the world's ungodliness (Rom. 1:32). The choices we make about recreation are not the same choices our friends make.

Let's face it—Christians are different. Because of this it might pay you to see if your salt and light are salt without savor or lights hidden from the world. If your friends do not see you as "peculiar," you might should make some changes.

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Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Charles & Ruby Malone,
Jeff Bliss, Ronald Clouse

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Jeffrey Smith, Betty Turner,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley,
Jamie Rushing
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett
Ramona Thurston, April Richey

Today's Sermons

AM - 4 Ways Christ Serves
His Followers
Psalm 145:18

PM - Singing Night

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

Singing Night

Area Events

Several are posted on the
bulletin Board

Cards to Send

Mary Bolen
802 O'Neal Lane
Henderson, TN 38340

James Morris
184 Old Pinson Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

6 AM	5
Bible Class	55/19
AM Worship	102/24
PM Worship	58/14
Wed Bible Study	65/8
Contribution	3012

Pantry Item

Canned Green Beans

Those Privileged to Serve

Oct 23 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, R. Pack

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Mike Wages

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

Oct 30 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Read Scripture:

Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Joe Venable

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Ken Ross

Contribution:

Jonathan Orr

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Mike Wages

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Sermon: John Sawyer

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Ken Ross

Oct 26 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Mike Wages

Oct 26 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devo - Marion Thomas

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM