

A Different Kind of People Titus 2:11-14

Bible teaches that Christians are a people "selected by God from the other nations for his own possession." Thayer's **1Peter 2:9-10** *But you are A chosen race, A royal priesthood, A holy nation, A people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not A people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

We have been taken from world & added to God's Realm

Colossians 1:13 *For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,*

This means we need to think & act differently than those of the world

Romans 12:1-2 *Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

1John 2:15-17 *Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.*

Abhor What is Evil

Romans 12:9 *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.*

Abhor - "apostugeo" - "to dislike, abhor, have a horror of"

Evil - "poneros" - "bad, of a bad nature or condition; in a physical sense: diseased or blind; in an ethical sense: evil wicked, bad."

The messages of the Bible is a resounding "abhor that which is evil":

Deuteronomy 7:26 *You shall not bring an abomination into your house, and like it come under the ban; you shall utterly detest it and you shall utterly abhor it, for it is something banned.*

Psalms 97:10 *Hate evil, you who love the Lord, Who preserves the souls of His godly ones; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.*

Psalms 101:3 *I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not fasten its grip on me.*

Psalms 119:104 *From Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.*

Amos 5:14-15 *Seek good and not evil, that you may live; And thus may the Lord God of hosts be with you, Just as you have said! Hate evil, love good, And establish justice in the gate! Perhaps the Lord God of hosts May be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.*

Notice what Jesus said of evil people & their hearts

Mark 7:23 *All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."*

Luke 6:45 *The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.*

What kind of heart do you have?

Cling to What is Good

Romans 12:9 *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.*

Cling - "kollao" - "to glue, to glue together, cement, fasten together; to join or fasten firmly together; to join one's self to, cleave to"

Good - "agathos" - "of good constitution or nature useful, good, pleasant, agreeable, joyful, happy, excellent, distinguished, upright, honorable."

Christ did good

Acts 10:38 *You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

Christ is our example to follow

1Peter 2:21-23 *For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;*

Good is what we are to do to defeat evil

Romans 12:21 *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Good is what we should do and walk in

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

Good is what we are to do for all men as we have opportunity

Galatians 6:10 *So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.*

1Thessalonians 5:15 *See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.*

Abstain From All Appearances of Evil

1Thessalonians 5:22 *abstain from every form of evil.*

Abstain - "apechomai" - "to hold one's self off, refrain"

Form - "eidos" - "the external or outward appearance, form figure, shape"

Evil - "poneros" - "bad, of a bad nature or condition; in a physical sense: diseased or blind; in an ethical sense: evil wicked, bad."

Good reasons for us to stay away from anything that appears evil

Evil is contagious

1Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

1Corinthians 5:6-7 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

Do not get an attitude wherein you think you are above being taken over by sin

1Corinthians 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

We do not want to give others the idea that we are doing or being around evil things:

We are to be a GOOD example, not bad one

Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Notice what the Apostle Paul said to those in Ephesus Ephesians 4:17-32

Learn Word of God well enough to be able to discern good from evil

Hebrews 5:12-14 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Our good works OR bad works will be brought into the Judgment Day

Galatians 6:7-9 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

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