

Are Christians Peculiar?

The quick answer to the question posed by the title is, "Yes." The King James Version uses the word "peculiar" twice in reference to Christians (Tit. 2:14; 1 Pet. 2:9), translating two different Greek words which both mean a special, or a personal possession. Christians are special; being special makes them different, and being different makes them feel the pressure of unpopularity. Christians are special because they are a purchased possession (Eph. 1:14; Acts 20:28). Christians are different because they live not for themselves, or even for others, but for the one to whom they belong (1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:14-15).

Like most words, the English word "peculiar" had different shades of meaning determined by the context in which it appears. Also, like many other words, it sometimes comes to be used more in one fashion and less in others. The basic dictionary definition is: "adj. 1. Having a character exclusively its own; specific. 2. Singular; strange. 3. Select or special; separate. 4. Belonging particularly or exclusively to one. n. A person or thing that is peculiar, formerly, any private possession." Christians have an exclusive character, specifically Christ's who lives in them (Gal. 2:20; 5:22-26). Christians are singular and often thought strange by unbelievers because they no longer live like unbelievers, or for the things for which unbelievers live (1 Pet. 4:1-4). Christians are select, special and separate because they alone have put on Christ by being baptized into Him (Gal. 3:27), having become members of His body, the church (1 Cor. 12:27; Col. 1:24). They are not conformed to the world, but have been transformed by the renewing of their minds (Rom. 12:12). They do not become entangled in the affairs of life, choosing rather to please Christ (2 Tim. 2:4). They form no compromising alliances with unbelievers (2 Cor. 6:14). Christians belong particularly and exclusively to Christ, because He purchased them with His blood (Acts 20:28), they wear His name (Acts 11:26), lovingly keep His commandments (Jn. 14:15; 2 Jn. 2:3), and look for His return (Tit. 2:11-14; 2 Pet. 3:11-12; Jude 20-21). In a world that exerts tremendous pressure upon individuals to conform to its mold, Christians are indeed a peculiar bunch. Let us be thankful for what makes us different.

– Randy



Church of Christ

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Sunday	10:00 AM	Bible Study (for all ages)
	10:45 AM	Worship Assembly
	6:00 PM	Song Worship
	6:30 PM	Worship Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study

Elders: Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth

Preacher: Randy Matheny

Sunday, June 24th, 2018

Serving Today

Announcer:	Dave H.
Song Leader:	David N.
1 st Prayer:	Doug
Table:	Adam N.
Serving:	Gary, Don, Chris, John, sub: Dave H.
2 nd Prayer:	Scott
Scripture:	Evan - Matthew 13:44-46
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Gary

Serving Tonight

Announcer:	Dave H.
Song Leader:	Dave H.
1 st Prayer:	Allan
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Rod

Wednesday Night Song Leaders

6/20 - Allan

6/27 - Dick

Birthdays and Anniversaries



6/28 – Paul Smith

Memory Verse of the Week:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.

Psalm 111:10

Bible Question of the Week:

What Babylonian names were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah given?

Last Week's Question and Answer:

In Thessalonica, whose house did jealous Jews and a mob rush to in search of Paul and Silas?

Jason, Acts 17:5

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Serving for July:

Announcer – David N.

Song Leader – Rod

Table – Doug

Servers – Chuck, Dave H., Brian, Dick, sub – John

Jim: “Why are Saturday and Sunday so strong?”

Linda: “Because the rest are weekdays.”

♥ Those to remember:

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| Al Emery | Adam Neill |
| Ken Thomas | Jim Metts |
| Irene Schmidt | Milly Park |
| Shawn Simpson – hip cancer | June Rhines |
| May Seigworth | Rod Thomas |
| Kevin Hughes | Betty Hughes |
| Norma Thomas | Landon Fawcett |
| Linda Reichart | Waylan Whitten |
| Florence Homolek | Terry Ortz |
| Lizzie Miller | Milton Filey |
| John Hiles | |
| Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer | |



“Pray without ceasing” - I Thess. 5:17

Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
 - Sister Rachel is continuing to have health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
 - Thanks to all who made our Summer Bible School a great success! We are a blessed congregation with many talented teachers, decorators, bakers, and supporters!
 - The Hetricks will be hosting a breakfast July 4th beginning between 8:30 and 9:00. Please bring lawn chairs. We will have a fire and grill going for breakfast sandwiches and mountain pies.
 - The next potluck meal will be July 8th after morning services. It's a great time to invite family and friends to share a meal and Christian fellowship.
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