

A PECULIAR PEOPLE

The lesson Sunday night looked at the teaching that God's people today are a "peculiar people." That statement is based on I Peter 2:9 and Titus 2:14. We looked in some detail at I Peter 2:9. Let's look closer at Titus 2:14. That statement is made in the context of Paul addressing the subject of grace in verse 11. He tells us the source of that grace (God) and the purpose of grace (salvation). Paul also tells us who the recipients are (available to all people). The requirements are then taught (denying ungodliness and worldly lust), and then the proper conduct of the recipients (live soberly, righteously, godly). He talks about hope and the cost for that grace to be available in verse 14.

Christ gave himself for you and me. He did so in order to redeem, (to release on receipt of ransom; Thayer's) from all iniquity. By doing this he would purify unto himself a peculiar people (a people for his own possession). Strong defines the word "peculiar" as "being beyond usual, that is, special (one's own)." If we have been redeemed, we belong to God, and no other. As a result of all that He has done for us, we are to be a people who are zealous of good works. That word "zealous" has the thought of one burning with zeal. We have been redeemed to be God's special people. Are you burning with zeal to share that message with all people?

L. Cole

TENDERHEARTEDNESS

"The prudence of the best heads is often defeated by the tenderness of the best hearts" (Henry Fielding).

AMONG THE VIRTUES VALUED IN OUR AGE, TENDERHEARTEDNESS IS ONE OF THE MOST UNDERVALUED. In the minds of many, toughness is the key to success in the real world, and tenderness is seen more as a weakness than a strength. The truth is, however, tenderness can solve a much wider range of problems than its opposite. In the history of our world, the people who have exerted the greatest real power — power to build, rather than destroy — have always been people with tender hearts, hearts full of grace and kindness.

The word "tenderheartedness" can mean two different things, both of which are valuable. In modern usage, tenderheartedness often means compassion. It denotes that one is easily moved by another's distress. In this sense, the person with a tender heart is one who can be touched by someone else's suffering and is willing to respond with mercy. Surely, this is a prime virtue to include in our character.

But tenderheartedness can mean something else: it can mean that a person has a tender conscience. Unlike the individual who has allowed his conscience to become hard and insensitive, the tenderhearted person has a conscience that still works. When it is pointed out that he has erred, he is “touched” by that fact. His heart is still tender enough to feel genuine, healthy remorse for his failings. And like other kinds of tenderness, this tenderness of conscience is a potent force, a strength with impressive capabilities. It allows the person who possesses it to do something that the tough are rarely able to do: take steps of honest growth and personal improvement.

There are few gifts we can give to others that are more beneficial than tenderheartedness. Whether it is tenderness of compassion or tenderness of conscience, this is a quality that can do powerful, life-changing good. It can move mountains — mountains at which the “strong” can only curse. And one of the most remarkable things about it is that, while life lasts, it is never out of our reach. Even the hardest heart can become more tender if it’s willing to make that choice.

“When death, the great reconciler, has come, it is never our tenderness that we regret, but our severity” (George Eliot).

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TEN MOST WANTED MEN

1. The man who puts God’s business above any other business.
2. The man who brings his wife and children to worship rather than sends them.
3. The man who is willing to be the right example to every person whom he meets.
4. The man who thinks more of Sunday school than of Sunday sleep.
5. The man who gives what he should to the Lord’s work and lives on what is left.
6. The man who goes to church services for Christ’s sake rather than for himself or someone else.
7. The man who has a passion to help others rather than to be helped himself.
8. The man who has a willing mind rather than a brilliant one.
9. The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others.
10. The man who is more concerned about winning persons to Christ than about winning worldly honors.

“Let this mind be in you...” (Phil. 2:5).

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM

JAN 14, 2018

Coordinator Billy Halliburton
Announcements George Clay
Scripture Reading.,Phil 2:15,16 Austin Clay
Song Leader Adam Jolley
Opening Prayer.Jacky Carver, Sr.
Lord’s Supper-Preside: Mitchell Brooks
Serve: Steve Anderson, Brian Smith
Ethan Leonard, Justin Draper
Closing PrayerBen Silcox
Greeter— Dallas & Paige Eddie
Greeter— Roger & Cynthia Draper
[Greeters, please be here by 8:40 to greet before services]
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon —Shine As Lights
PM Sermon —A Merry Heart (Prov. 16-20)

WORSHIP—SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements George Clay
Song Leader Adam Jolley
Scripture Reading..Pro.18:20-22 . Austin Clay
Opening Prayer Glen Reece.
Lord’s Supper Robert Hackett
. Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer Steve Anderson

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcements George Clay
Song Leader Jacky Carver, Sr.
First Prayer. Mitchell Brooks
Opening Prayer Dallas Eddie
Closing Prayer Justin Draper
Prepare Communion for **JAN**
Karen H

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W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,
Ramelle Cole, Jere Andrews,
Carolyn Clay, Harold Smith

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

01/07/18

Wednesday.	35
Worship Sunday AM	73
Bible Study Sunday AM	66
Daily Bible Readers	30
Worship Sunday PM	40

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 21st. Annual Treasurers Report

Jan. 28th. Fellowship Meal

Pantry Item: Canned Tuna

READING SCHEDULE FOR JAN

01 Gen. 1-3	11 Gen. 33-35	22 Exod. 20-22
02 Gen. 4-6	12 Gen. 36-38	23 Exod. 23-25
03 Gen. 7-9	13 Gen. 39-42	24 Exod. 26-28
04 Gen 10-12	14 Gen. 43-46	25 Exod. 29-31
05 Gen. 13-15	15 Gen. 47-50	26 Exod. 32-34
06 Gen. 16-19	16 Exod. 1-2	27 Exod. 35-37
07 Gen. 20-23	17 Exod. 3-5	28 Exod. 38-40
08 Gen. 24-26	18 Exod. 6-8	Lev. 1-2
09 Gen. 27-29	19 Exod. 9-11	29 Lev. 3-5
10 Gen. 30-32	20 Exod.12-14	30 Lev. 6-8
	21 Exod.15-19	31 Lev. 9-11