

**1 PETER 2:4 – 3:7**  
**THE HUMBLE HOLY**

PECULIAR PEOPLE 2:4 –12

This section of 1 Peter concludes with an extended metaphor!

Believers are compared to the TEMPLE and the TEMPLE CULT!

> “Being Built” (v.5) – It is a process – we are to be growing!

> “A holy priesthood” – In the OT –the priests had access to God and carried out the sacrifices

Q: What are “spiritual sacrifices?”

> Jesus is the CORNERSTONE – The cornerstone (capstone) determined the design and orientation of a building and was the most significant stone of the structure. This “house” is made up of stones (believers) who are all designed after the capstone (Christ)!

> Key verses: 2:9-10 – We are called out of this world into a different CITIZENSHIP!

> The KJV: “A peculiar people” – how do modern translations word this?

– We should be peculiar! (ex: old guys at tennis match – beer at Daytona)

Why? So that we may DECLARE HIS PRAISES ... and ...

(v.12) So that unbelievers may be CONVERTED

Q: What happens if we don’t “stick out?”

> v. 10 – What does it mean when we say that the church is the new ISRAEL?

> vv.11-12 – Three elements involved in Peter’s plea for holiness:

(1) Separation FROM THE WORLD (see 1:17)

(2) Resulting in a NEGATIVE RESPONSE

> Your holiness won’t make people feel better about themselves. Why?

> The Grilled Chicken Wrap!

(3) Provides \* a PLATFORM FOR MINISTRY and

\* a HEALTHY SOUL (what do those sinful desires do?)

*Can you think of a time when your personal holiness  
attracted someone who needed what you had?*

SUBMISSION: A DEMONSTRATION OF HOLINESS 2:13 – 3:7

Three relationships are now examined as examples of the ways of peculiar people.

1. Citizens and Civil Authorities. (vv.13-17)

> Vv. 13-15 seem to portray life in a godly kingdom under a righteous king!

Q: Who was king when Peter wrote this?

> What is the benefit of such submission (according to v.15)?

> How might we paraphrase v.16? *Submit, not by force, but by choice!*

> Relationship Imperatives (in order of priority): (v.17)

- a. Fear GOD.
- b. Love fellow BELIEVERS.
- c. Honor / Respect EVERYONE.
- d. Honor the KING.

\* How does “honor” take “submission” to the next level?

How do we honor / dishonor our “king?”

## 2. Slaves and Masters. (vv.18-25)

Q: When you hear the word slavery, what do you envision? The slavery of our American History is extremely different than that of Peter's day. While the NT doesn't attack slavery like we might expect, it is clear that human trafficking is sinful (1 Timothy 1:10). Further, NT slaves could work for pay, were given great responsibility, could buy their freedom and were Biblically encouraged to do so (1 Cor. 7:21).

> To “get” this verse on a personal level, what relationship might be substituted for “slave / master?” Employee / Employer

Q: How do you react when treated unjustly? How can v.21 impact my attitude next time?

## 3. Wives and Husbands. (3:1-7)

> “... in the same way ...” – what does this phrase mean re: a wife's submission?

> What is the result of a wife's submission to her husband?

> List 6 words / phrases which are examples of Biblical beauty: (vv.2-5)

- (1) PURITY
- (2) REVERENCE
- (3) INNER SELF
- (4) UNFADING
- (5) GENTLE AND QUIET SPIRIT
- (6) SUBMISSION

> Where, then, is the place for “outward adornment,” such as gold jewelry, fine clothes and braided hair?

\* It should not be THE SOURCE of your beauty!

\* Outward adornment is NOT WRONG!

> A word to husbands!

-- “... in the same way ...” – what does this mean for husbands?

> Regardless of THEIR ACTIONS!

-- How is a wife “the weaker vessel?”

(1) PHYSICAL STRENGTH – a man is not to take advantage of his strength ... OR

(2) UNDER AUTHORITY – a man is not to take advantage of her submission.

-- See Ephesians 5: 22-25

-- DON'T MISS THE LAST WORDS: “... so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”

-- Men, failing to treat your wives in a godly way STUNTS YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH!