

PECULIAR PEOPLE

1 Peter 1:23-2:3 (p.1,113)

1 Peter 2:9 ...you are a peculiar people; **that you should show forth the praises** of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

A. Newborn Infants

2:1-3

Crave the pure spiritual milk of the Word.

B. Living Stones

2:4-8

Isaiah 28:16; Psalm 118:22

Christ is our solid foundation and the mortar that holds us all together.

C. Royal Priesthood

2:9-10

Exodus 19:5-6

God's Word declares all who are in Christ to be **saints**; set apart from the world and set apart unto God. Every Christian has immediate and direct access to God through Jesus Christ and serves God personally by bringing others to God.

Each of us has the privilege of

- 1) offering gifts to God;
- 2) offering our bodies as living sacrifices; and
- 3) practical loving **service** to other people.

D. Strangers and Aliens

2:11-12

On this pilgrimage, we find ourselves torn by two **competing** natures: our fleshly nature and our new spiritual nature that is becoming like Christ.

Conclusion:

Have you embraced your calling as one of God's peculiar people? Or has **rigor mortis** of the soul begun to set in?