

*"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:" 1 Peter 2:9*

Believers are a breed apart. They do not "fit" into "normal" society. They are a square peg in a round hole. Why? They are "generated from a supernatural source. They have been chosen by God, because of their faith and obedience to be part of a "holy nation;" redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb to be a "royal priesthood."



Believers do not march to the devil's drumbeat. They "see and hear" the unseen and the unheard. They are capable of defeating death through Him that loves them. They are not driven by the carnal desires of the flesh. They possess an indestructible Hope and look for a "city, whose builder and maker is God." Fear does not dictate their actions rather; Love constrains them to obey by faith the everlasting and immutable Word of God. Believers are *in* the world, but they are not *of* the world. They possess sight in a world of blind men. They are free of the bondage of darkness that engulfs mankind. They are no longer "lost" in the maze of sinful desire. They walk side by side with their faithful Guide in the brilliant Light of fellowship. They no longer stumble in the shadows of uncertainty. Unbelievers who observe them can only wonder at their calm assurance amid chaos and destruction. Believers are an unexplained peculiarity in the hustle and bustle of the Broadway of Death. They calmly and confidently move against the flow of conformity, and are happy to enlighten anyone who questions them.

For those who trust there is a Way,  
That leads them to a brighter Day,  
The world will stare in stark dismay,  
When they, at last, are called away. ~CGP

Men fear what they do not understand, and what they fear they attempt to destroy. Believers are misunderstood and therefore thought ill of and many times persecuted or killed. We are peculiar, because we do not fear as other men do. We are loved with a perfect love, and "*perfect love casteth out fear.*"

*"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us." 1 John 4:16-19*