

Different?

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Introduction

1. Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:9
2. The word “peculiar” means one’s own property (1 Corinthians 6:19-20), thus we belong to God and that makes us different.
3. Yet there is the struggle to be like everyone else 1 Samuel 8:5; 1 Corinthians 9:27
4. Let us notice some areas where we are different than the rest of the religious world and then why we are different from them.

II Discussion

1. We do not use mechanical instruments of music in our worship to God Colossians 3:17
 - a. We are to sing Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16
 - b. But the Bible does not say, “Do not use mechanical instruments of music in worship to God.”
 - c. When God told us what to do and was silent about other areas then we know exactly what God wants Hebrews 7:12-16
2. Woman in leadership roles 1 Corinthians 11:3
 - a. Women are to submit Ephesians 5:22; Colossians 3:18
 - b. Women are to be in subjection the reason why is also stated 1 Timothy 2:7-14
 - i. Women told the apostles about the resurrection, but it was not a public proclamation
 - ii. Acts 2:17; 21: 8-9; Titus 2:3-5
 - c. “Men won’t do” They do not do it the way you want it done?
 - d. That does not mean that women can do nothing
3. No chorus or solos in our worship
 - a. Ephesians 5:19 Speaking can you speak with your mouth closed? Then sing!
 - b. Colossians 3:16 teaching and admonishing one another
 - c. How can one teach and admonish another with their mouths closed, therefore all must sing which rules out chorus and solos!
4. No Children’s church
 - a. When the church comes together to worship there is to be no divided assembly 1 Corinthians 11:17-22
 - b. When children go off and have their own assembly, this is a divided assembly.
 - c. There is no better place to learn than with all present
5. No clapping
 - a. Why clap? Into which of the five acts or avenues of worship does clapping fit?
 - b. At the end of a point of a sermon or at the end of a sermon? Isn’t that the same as saying “Amen.” No Amen praises the message, but to clap or applaud is to praise the messenger. This is not appropriate during worship which is toward God not man.
 - c. To clap during singing is to use an mechanical instrument in worship or to praise the singer which is not appropriate because worship is toward God.
6. There are no holidays that have any religious significant today
 - a. Christmas – do your study of this in World Book Encyclopedia
 - b. Easter – We are to celebrate each first day of the week 1 Corinthians 11; Acts 20:7; 2:42 not just one day

III Conclusion

1. Most of what we talked about is in the negative, we can show what we need to be doing and this would leave off the negative; it would not deal with some subject as some people would like them to be dealt with.
2. It is far simpler to do what God said and not worry about what God did not say!
3. He has told us what to do and let us then ever be doing that.

Sources: Strongs' Concordance; A.T. Robertson's Word Study; Thayer's complete Word studies
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