

*"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 KJV*



Platypuses are a breed apart. They are peculiarly different from all other animals. Like them, believers also defy attempts at categorization. They are square pegs in a round world! Why? They are NEW Creations of eternity's Sovereign. *"If any man be in Christ, he is a NEW CREATURE. Looking for that Blessed Hope, and the Glorious Appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

Who Gave Himself for us, that He Might Redeem us from all iniquity, and Purify Unto Himself a PECULIAR PEOPLE, zealous of Good Works." Chosen by God, from His Foreknowledge of their faith and obedience to His Word, to be part of a *"Holy Nation;"* Redeemed by the *"Blood of the Lamb"* to be a *"Royal Priesthood"* unto God. Believers do not march to the devil's drumbeat. They see the unseen and hear the unheard. They Are Immortals; Conquerors of death through God that Loves them and their *"Life Is Hid with Christ in God."* They are slaves no longer to carnal desire, but rather constantly strive to defeat the lusts of the flesh through the Power of God's Word and the faith delivered thereby. *"Faith cometh by...the Word of God."* They possess indestructible Hope and look for a *"City, Whose Builder and Maker Is God."* Fear cannot coerce their actions, but rather, the Love of God Constrains them to obey by faith the Everlasting Immutable Word of God. Believers are IN the world, but not OF the world! They possess Light and sight in a world of blind men, free of the bondage of darkness that traps unbeliever in Condemnation. *"He that believeth on Him is NOT Condemned: but he that believeth not is Condemned already, BECAUSE HE HATH NOT BELIEVED in the Name of the Only Begotten Son of God."* Believers are no longer "lost" in a maze of sin, but walk with their Faithful Guide in the brilliant Light of the Fellowship of Truth; no longer stumbling in the darkness. Unbelievers can only wonder at believer's calm assurance amid the storms of life, because they are peculiarities in the hustle and bustle of the Broadway of Death; calmly and confidently moving against the flow of mortal conformity; sharing with others their faith that Jesus is the Door-Way to Immortality!

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 don't understand and try to destroy it. Believers seem peculiar, because they know things impossible to know without faith; feared and many times persecuted and killed, because they are without the fears of other men. Unbelievers fear everything EXCEPT God, but believers fear nothing, BUT God. *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of Wisdom."* Believers know they Are Loved with a Perfect Love, and *"Perfect Love casteth out fear."* O How Marvelous! O How wonderful! Is my Savior's Love for me!

"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 KJV