

Come let us Grow Together: Tattoos

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding in things pertaining to God.

“Ye are the children of the LORD your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.” (Deut 14:1-2)

As the children of the LORD their God the nation of Israel was told that they were a holy people unto the LORD their God, that they were chosen to be a peculiar people unto God, and they were to be above all the nations that were upon the earth.

“Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.” (Lev 19:27-28)

Again we see the reason why is because they were a called out people unto the LORD their God to be holy. This continues into the New Testament where we are also called a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar people.

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;” (1 Peter 2:9-11)

We as “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people” are to show forth praises to God who called us “out of darkness into his marvellous light”. We are then admonished to “abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul”. Now you are no longer a heathen but rather the children of God, the children of Israel.

“Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.” (Rm 9:6-8)

This is why we are to abstain from tattoos which is the printing of marks on your body. You are a “chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people” who have been called “out of darkness into his marvellous light”.

“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.” (1 Jn 2:16-17)

“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” (1 Cor 6:19-20)

You are a purchased possession and you are no longer your own. You have been bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Your body and spirit are God's. Your body “is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God”. Therefore being a holy temple, also called a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar people we are to “shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light” and not to be as the heathen of who we were called out of.