TODAY'S SCRIPTURE FOCUS:

4-5, 9-12

"COURAGEOUS MAL-ADJUSTMENT"

"WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE <u>IN</u> THE WORLD, BUT <u>NOT OF</u>THE WORLD?"

"I have given them YOUR word; and the world has hated them <u>because they</u> <u>are not of the world</u>, just as I am not of the world."

John 17:14

"I do not pray that YOU should take them out of the world, but that YOU should keep them from the evil one." John 17:15

"They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world."

John 17:16

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: PECULIAR

#2: PRECIOUS

#3: PRAISE

SERMONIC POINT #1: PECULIAR

"...I am the LORD your GOD, who has separated you from the peoples."

Leviticus 20:24b

"And you shall be holy to ME, for I the LORD am holy, <u>and have separated</u> <u>you</u> from the peoples, that you should be MINE."

Leviticus 20:26

"For you are a holy people to the LORD your GOD, and the LORD has chosen you"

Deuteronomy 14:2a

"to be a people for HIMSELF, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth."

Deuteronomy 14:2b

SERMONIC POINT #2: PRECIOUS

"Coming to HIM as to a living stone <u>rejected indeed by</u> <u>men</u>, but chosen by GOD and precious,"

I Peter 2:4

"you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood..."

I Peter 2:5a

"to offer up spiritual sacrifices <u>acceptable to GOD</u> through JESUS CHRIST."

I Peter 2:5b

"But you are

<u>a chosen generation,</u>

<u>a royal priesthood,</u>

<u>a holy nation</u>, HIS own
special people,"

I Peter 2:9a

SERMONIC POINT #3:

PRAISE

"...that you may proclaim the praises of HIM who <u>called you</u> <u>out</u>of darkness into HIS marvelous light;"

I Peter 2:9b

"who once were not a people but are now the people of GOD, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy."

I Peter 2:10

"Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which ware against the soul,"

I Peter 2:11

"having your <u>conduct</u>

<u>honorable</u> among the
Gentiles, that when
they speak against you
as evildoers,"

I Peter 2:12a

"they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify GOD in the day of visitation."

I Peter 2:12b