

My people, our people, those people?

To separate is to preserve purity, and avoid diluting

God started separating people to clarify blessings vs curses / benefits vs consequences ...

- a. Gen 4:10-14 with Cain sent him away (land of NOD)
 - b. Gen 9:25 with Hams curse to live in Canaan (Palestine)
 - c. Gen 11:8-9 with tower of Babel, He scattered the people
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Exod 9:1 – Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to pharaoh and say...” “Let **MY people** go”

Exod 33:13 – Moses said, don’t forget, this is **YOUR people**, YOUR responsibility!

In our pursuit to stay holy and separated, consecrated, unmixed with sin, we develop “us vs them” . . . superiority complex.

Nations, Races, Educated, wealthy, and even Churches become “members only” clubs

- I believe in boundaries! They define good or bad, healthy from unhealthy.
- But we want credit, we want glory for accomplishment, status, etc

Jews didn’t like Samaritans (half breeds) or Gentiles (unbelievers)

Racists with a superiority complex!

1. My people – (I belong because He includes me)

INDIVIDUALLY

2 Chron 7:14 – If my people who are called by My name...

Eph 1:5 – adopted into His family

Rom 9:25 – I will call them “MY PEOPLE” who are not my people,
(Gentiles accepted by faith and Jews rejected for unbelief)

Hosea 4:6 – my people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge

2. Our people – (mutual obligation to each other, my brothers keeper)

CORPORATELY

1 Peter 2:9 - Chosen generation, royal priesthood, peculiar people, holy nation, His own special people.

1 Peter 4:10,11 – each one should use his gift to better the group as a whole.

1 cor 12:7 – each one of us has a unique manifestation of the spirit given for the
“common good”

3. Those people – (Outsiders, excluded)

Numbers 36:3 – Duet 7:3 – Do not intermarry with other nations...

2 Cor 6:14 – Don't be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.

James 4:4 – can not be friend of God and the world, you will love one and hate the other

Eph 4:17 don't live like Gentiles who don't know and are darkened, separated, hardened, lost, gave themselves over, full of greed,

vs 20 – that's not the way for you, learned, were taught truth, put off the old self, made new, created like God, righteous, holy, kind, forgiving...

PRINCIPLES TO PRACTICE –

1. I am not better than anyone else
2. God sets boundaries, laws, standards, doctrines, etc and WE COMPLY.
They are NOT our rules, we didn't originate them, don't own them.
3. I don't **deserve** for God to include me or accept me.
4. Gods heart breaks for those who are separated, so should ours.
5. We should pray for people to repent and come back into the fold.
6. God is SOVEREIGN and will save whoever HE wants, whenever HE wants.