



WHAT THE CHURCH IS FOR – PART 7

FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 PETER 2:24

PRAISE DECLARING

1 PETER 2:9

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, **that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

Recognize God's choice and ownership. Testify and shine!

SOUL KEEPING

1 PETER 2:11

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to **abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.**

Acknowledge the war and abstain from sin. Our lives speak louder than words.

1 PETER 2:1

Therefore, **rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit**, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, **crave pure spiritual milk**, so that by it you may **grow up in your salvation**, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Rid – Crave – Grow

GOD GLORIFYING

1 PETER 2:12

¹² **Live such good lives** among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, **they may see your good deeds and glorify God** on the day he visits us.

Live surprising lives that make God's goodness and promise desirable.

IGNORANCE SILENCING

1 PETER 2:13-17

¹⁵ For it is **God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.**

¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.

Recognize civil authority and the common good. Recognize God's ultimate authority.

Live free and useful lives that embody respect and integrity.

INJUSTICE BEARING

1 PETER 2:18-23

¹⁹ **For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering** because they are conscious of God.

Persevere through unjust pain and evil for the Gospel. Trust God to judge (deliver).

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1 PETER 2:24-25

²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so **that we might die to sins and live for righteousness**; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Die to sin. Live for righteousness. Righteousness makes and impact.