

Sanctified

➤➤ PURIFIED FOR A PURPOSE ➤➤

“Most of our brother Christians showed unbounded love and loyalty, never sparing themselves and thinking only of one another. Heedless of danger, they took charge of the sick, **attending to** their every need and **ministering to** them in Christ, and with them departed this life serenely happy Many, in nursing and curing others, transferred their death to themselves and **died in their stead** The best of our brothers **lost their lives** in this manner; a number of presbyters, deacons, and laymen winning high commendation so that death in this form, the result of great piety and strong faith, seems **in every way the equal of martyrdom**” (Source: *Dionysius, AD 260*).

Are we sometimes guilty of saving
ourselves **from** the life Jesus is
saving us **for**?

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 - Entrust yourself to God while doing good

1 Peter 3:8

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⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

1 Peter 3:9

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⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, **ble**ss, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

1 Peter 3:10–12

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¹⁰ For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹ let him turn away from evil and **do good**; let him seek **peace** and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

1 Peter 4:7

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⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

1 Peter 4:8–9

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⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show **hospitality** to one another without grumbling.

1 Peter 4:10–11

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¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as **good stewards of God's varied grace:**
¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything **God may be glorified** through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

You are **saved** to **serve**.