

Devoted to Righteousness

1 Peter 2:24-25

When you appreciate what Jesus did for you, you will devote yourself to righteousness.

1. Jesus paid your penalty.
 - a. By bearing your sins in His body.
 - b. By bearing your sins on a tree.
2. Jesus set you free.
 - a. By putting you to death.
 - b. By restoring you to life.
3. Jesus secured your soul.
 - a. By returning you to His fold.
 - b. By overseeing your life.

*The Letter to
God's Elect*



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A white rectangular card is pinned to a dark brown wooden surface with a light-colored wooden clothespin. A piece of natural twine is stretched across the top of the card, passing through the clothespin. The card features the text "Devoted to Righteousness" in a large, dark red, cursive font, and "1 Peter 2:24-25" in a smaller, dark red, cursive font below it.

Devoted to Righteousness

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He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness;
for by His wounds you were healed.

For you were continually straying like sheep,
but now you have returned
to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

When you appreciate what Jesus
did for you, you will gladly
devote yourself to righteousness.

What did Jesus do for you?

Jesus paid your penalty.

What was your condition?

“For you were continually straying like sheep...”

Isaiah 53:6

All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way.

What was your condition?

Romans 3:23

“...for all **have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 6:20

“For...you were **slaves** of sin...”

Ephesians 2:1

“You were **dead** in your trespasses and sins...”

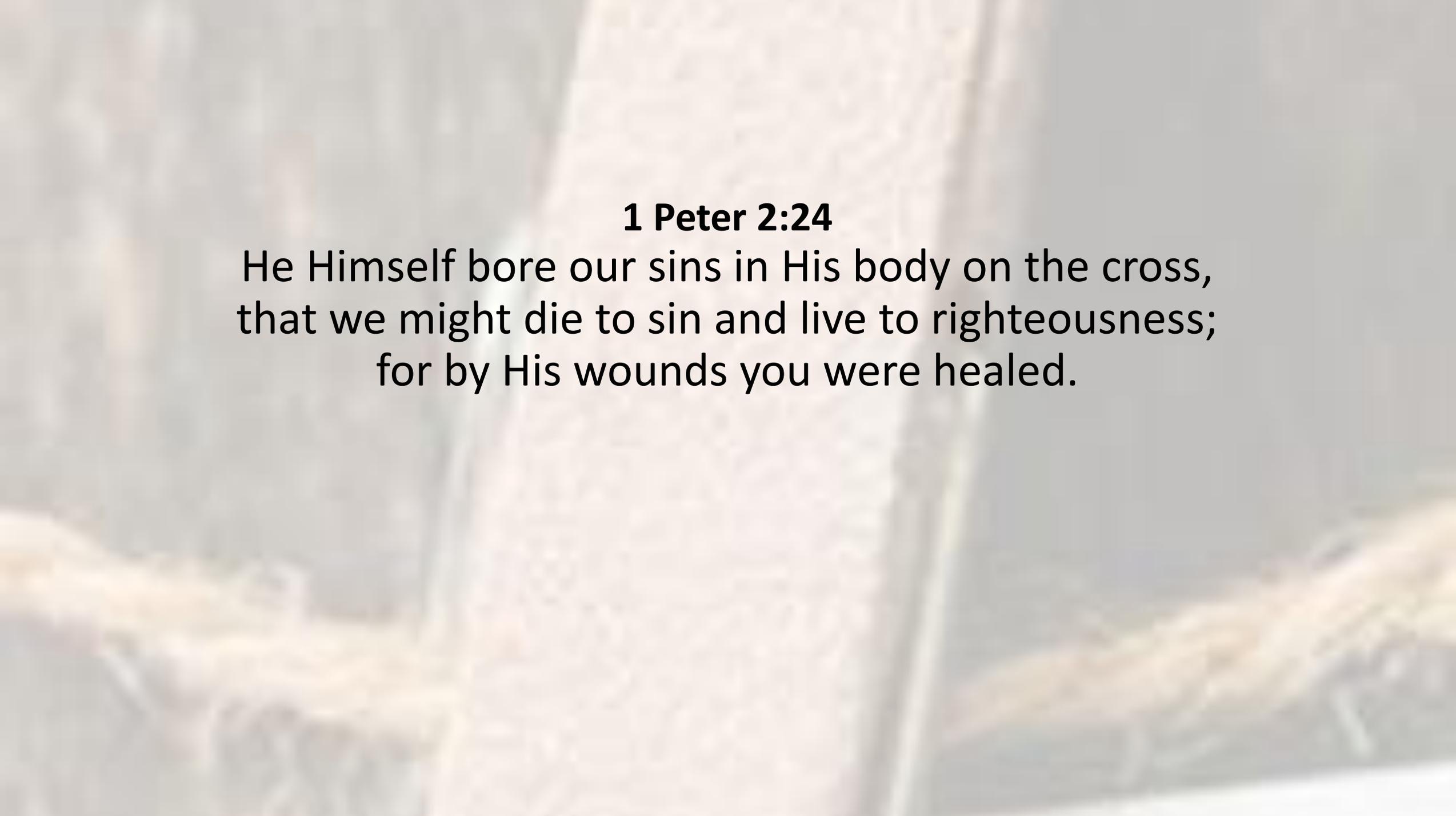
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“we...were **children of wrath**...”

Your heart was corrupt,
your mind was captive,
your soul was condemned.

But Jesus paid your penalty.

By bearing your sins in His body.



1 Peter 2:24

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness;
for by His wounds you were healed.

The slaves to whom Peter wrote would have understood how a body could bear the marks of punishment.

Jesus took on humanity **so that He could suffer on your behalf.**

Jesus is the Suffering Servant

Isaiah 53:4

Surely our *griefs* He Himself bore...

Isaiah 53:11

My Servant will justify the many,
as **He will bear their iniquities.**

Isaiah 53:12

Yet He Himself bore the sin of many...

Jesus paid your penalty.

By bearing your sins in His body.

By bearing your sins on a tree.

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He Himself **bore our sins** in His body **on the cross,**

that we might die to sin and live to righteousness;
for by His wounds you were healed.

Peter literally wrote,
“He...bore our sins...**upon the tree.**”

He was referring to Deuteronomy 21:22-23
And if a man has committed a sin worthy of death
and is put to death, and you hang him **on a tree**,
his corpse shall not hang all night **on the tree...**
(for he who is hanged is accursed of God).

Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law,
having become a curse for us-- for it is written,
“Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.”

On the cross, Jesus was cut off for you, cursed
by God for you, condemned for you.

What did Jesus do for you?

Jesus paid your penalty.

Jesus set you free.

John 8:36

So if the Son makes you free,
you will be free indeed.

Jesus set you free.

By putting you to death.

1 Peter 2:24

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that ***we, having died to sins***, might live to righteousness;
for by His wounds you were healed.

Our union with Christ means
that when He died, we died.

Our death with Christ

Romans 6:8

Now if **we have died with Christ**,
we believe that we shall also live with Him.

Colossians 2:20

If **you have died with Christ**
to the elementary principles of the world...

Colossians 3:3

For **you have died** and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Our death with Christ

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ;
and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.

Romans 6:6-7

...knowing this, that **our old self was crucified with Him,**
that our body of sin might be done away with,
that we should no longer be slaves to sin...

for he who has died is freed from sin.

Christ put your sinful flesh to death
when He was crucified for you.

**This means you have been set
free from sin's tyrannical rule.**

Jesus set you free.

By putting you to death.

By restoring you to life.

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He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross,
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for by His wounds *you were healed.*

By bearing your wounds in His body
on the cross, Jesus healed you from
your sin sickness.

**Now you are alive to
righteousness!**

1 Peter 2:24

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross,

that we, *having died to sins*, might live **to righteousness**;
for by His wounds you were healed.

How do you live to righteousness?

1 Peter 3:8-11

“To sum up...be harmonious, sympathetic,
brotherly, kind-hearted, and humble in spirit...
keep *your* tongue from evil
and *your* lips from speaking deceit...
turn away from evil and do good...
seek peace and pursue it...”

In other words, imitate Christ!

What did Jesus do for you?

Jesus paid your penalty.

Jesus set you free.

Jesus secured your soul.

Jesus secured your soul.

By returning you to His fold.

1 Peter 2:25

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Jesus is the good shepherd who
sought **you** when you were
straying and gathered **you** when
you were scattered.

Ezekiel 34:11-13

For thus says the Lord God,

“Behold, **I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.** As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day. And **I will** bring them out from the peoples and **gather them** from the countries and bring them to their own land.”

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By overseeing your life.

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but now **you have *been* returned**

to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

“Guardian” = *episkopos*

This word is translated “overseer” and is most commonly connected to the leadership of the church.

Jesus is **the** Overseer of your soul,
but He has equipped His church with
overseers who serve on His behalf.

1 Peter 5:1-2

Therefore, I exhort the elders among you...
shepherd the flock of God among you,
exercising oversight not under compulsion,
but voluntarily, according to the will of God;
and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness...

A Question...

What is the church to you?

A Conclusion...

Jesus suffered for you and set you free from sin's power and secured your soul and is providing care and oversight to you through His church.

**Are you experiencing His
freedom?**