

“The Benefits of Living for the Cross”
Gifted to Glorify
1 Peter 4:7-11

Introduction:

Using your Gift – is to use your special gift, to serve one another and whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

What comes to mind when you think of Salvation?

I. Incentive to Spiritual Duty v.7a

- a. The 2nd Coming of Christ
- b. Christ could return at any time
Matt 24:44
- c. We should be anticipating the Lord’s return Mark 13:35-37
- d. Today the Church should live with a far greater expectancy

II. Our Personal Holiness v.7b

- a. We must guard our mind
- b. Our mind must be clearly fixed on spiritual priorities and righteous living
Josh 1:8
- c. Holy living also requires spiritual alertness
- d. Godly thinking and spiritual alertness are crucial for the purpose of prayer

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III. Love for the Body of Christ v.8

- a. Our love must be fervent – meaning intense and reaching as far as we can
- b. Our love must be sacrificial 1 Cor 13:4-8

IV. Love for Strangers v.9

- a. Hospitable means to love strangers
- b. Jesus commended believers who provided for others Matt 25:35-40
- c. Our hospitality must be done with an unselfish attitude and without complaint

V. Our Duty of Service v.10

- a. Each person has a special gift
- b. This gift is what we are to use to serve the Church
- c. The gifts are varied Rom 12:4-8

VI. Speaking or Serving Gifts v.11a

- a. Speaking gifts will minister through preaching, teaching, sharing of wisdom, of knowledge, and discernment
- b. Serving gifts will minister through areas such as administration, prayer, mercy, and helps

VII. Intention of Our Duty v.11b

- a. To Glorify God
- b. Glorified through Jesus Christ