

Glorifying God as a Member of Society

INTRODUCTION

Sarah Martin (1791-1843): 'I asked the Lord to give me the privilege of serving others, so that I could point them also to the fountain of joy.'

1) LIVING FOR GOD'S GLORY IN SOCIETY

- **Jesus is Lord (1 Peter 2:9-10)**
- **Living for God's Glory (1 Peter 2:11-12)**
- **Loving our Neighbour (1 Peter 2:13-17)**

August Francke (1663-1727): 'God's glory and neighbour's good.'

2) LIVING FOR GOD'S GLORY IN SOCIETY TODAY

- **Glorifying God the Giver of Life as we protect human life**
- **Glorifying God as we protect children from harm**
- **Glorifying God as we proclaim the Gospel**

1 Peter 2:9-17

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.*

¹⁰ *Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

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

¹³ *Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 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. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.*



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