

# 1 Peter 2:11-3:7

## *A Respectful Witness (1)*

A witness is someone who tells other people what they know to be true. Sometimes a witness will be needed to decide if someone is guilty of a crime, or a news reporter might want to hear about something big that happened from a witness—someone who saw it. Lots of times in the Bible Jesus' followers are called witnesses, because we know something true about Jesus and we need to share it! But being a good witness for Jesus starts a long time *before* we begin talking...

Peter sums up his big idea in verse 12. (*Can you fill in the blanks?*)

Live such \_\_\_\_\_ lives among the pagans that, though they  
\_\_\_\_\_ you of doing \_\_\_\_\_, they may see your good  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God on the day he visits us.

wrong  
deeds  
good  
glorify

(Verse 12)

Peter reminds us that followers of Jesus follow in His footsteps: so we follow His example of being sure about God's love for us (see verse 9) *and* being respectful and kind to others—even if they don't like us or don't act respectfully towards us (see verse 12).

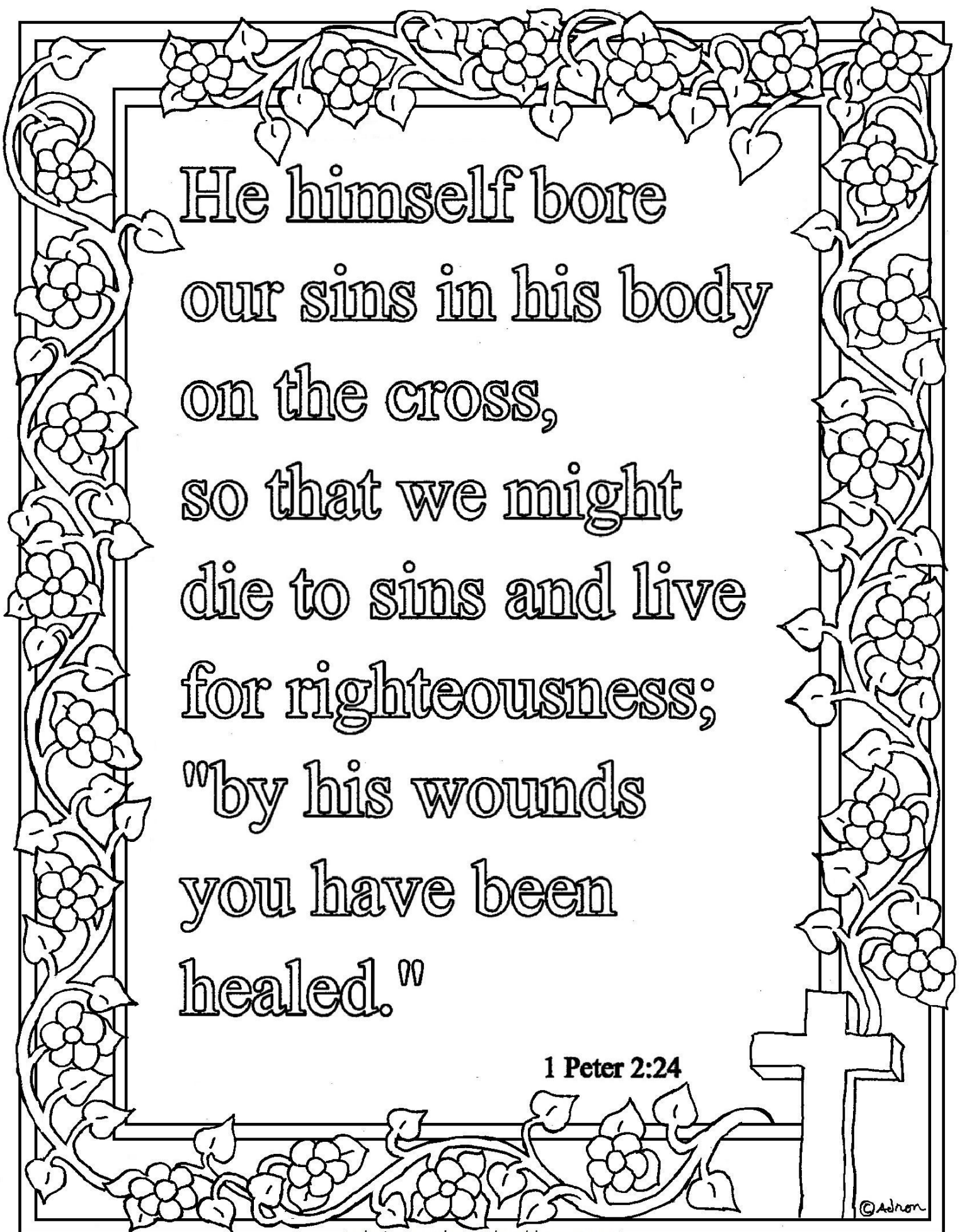
(In the **left footprint**, write or draw one way that being sure about God's love for us changes how we live.

In the **right footprint**, write or draw one way we can be loving and respectful towards others—just like Jesus!)



Peter reminds us that Jesus dying on the cross for us is what **rescues** us and gives us hope—but it's also what **reminds** us to live for Him and put others first!

(Can you colour **and** learn this memory verse?)



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."

1 Peter 2:24

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