

**R**ELIGION THAT GOD OUR FATHER ACCEPTS AS PURE AND FAULTLESS IS THIS: TO LOOK AFTER ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR DISTRESS AND TO KEEP ONESELF FROM BEING POLLUTED BY THE WORLD.

James 1:27 NIV



- Text:
  - Romans 8:14-17
    - "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry Abba! Father! The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,..."

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- God wants to adopt us because.....
  - He wants to rescue us from the slavery of sin and its wages and give us a better life.
    - Roman 6:23
    - John 10:10
  - He wants us in his family.- John 3:16
  - He wants to bless you with a heavenly inheritance and eternal joy.- I Cor. 2:9
    - We just think we have it good here.

- God wants to adopt us but we have to allow him to have custody of us!
  - Galatians 3:26-29
    - It's time by faith, to be baptized into God's family.
  - Romans 8:12-14
    - It's time to put to death the deeds of the body and be led by the Spirit of God.

#### • **REMEMBER**:

- You are loved
- You are chosen
- You are wanted