

# REAL RELIGION

**James 1:27** (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

## Three necessary questions:

Is orphan care a \_\_\_\_\_ to do or a \_\_\_\_\_ to do?

If orphan care is \_\_\_\_\_ by God, then what exactly does He \_\_\_\_\_?

How am I going to \_\_\_\_\_ in this area?

## Some Biblical Principles:

From the beginning, God's \_\_\_\_\_ for orphans has been clear.

*Exodus 22:21-24, Deut. 10:17-18*

God formalized a \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of orphans.

*Deut. 14:28-29, 24:19-21, 26:12-13*

One way that God measures \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is by our response to orphans.

*Deut. 27:19, Job 29:11-12, 31:16-18, Isa. 9:17, 10:1-2, Jer. 5:27-29, 7:5-7, Zech. 7:10, Mal. 3:5*

God \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_ the orphans among us.

*Isa. 1:17, 10:12, Jer. 22:3, James 1:27*

Our hope in God is rooted in His \_\_\_\_\_ for us!

*Psa. 10:14, 17-18, Psa. 68:5-6, Psa. 146:9, Prov. 23:10-11, Mal. 3:5, John 14:18*

## Conclusion: Orphan Care and the Gospel

The Gospel is the story of \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

**Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> *But when the fullness of time had come, **God sent forth his Son**, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, **so that we might receive adoption as sons.***

Orphan care is our opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ the Father and \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel.

**2 Corinthians 6:18 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> *“... **I will be a father to you**, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”*

**Psalms 68:5 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> ***Father of the fatherless** and protector of widows **is God** in his holy habitation.*

### Calvary's Four Goals for Orphan Care:

1. To promote and support the Gospel activity of adoption among our members
2. To promote and support the Gospel activity of foster care among our members
3. To partner with families for healing and restoration
4. To proclaim the Gospel to all so that all may have an eternal relationship with God the Father through faith in the saving work of His Son

My **response** today: