

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. **22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. **23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: **24** For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. **25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. **26** If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. (KJV)

James 1:27 (1)**Pure** (2)**religion** and (3)**undefiled** before God and the Father is this, To (4)**visit** the (5)**fatherless** and (6)**widows** in their (7)**affliction**, and to (8)**keep** himself (9)**unspotted** from the (10)**world**. (KJV)

Definitions:(1)**Pure**-2513 katharos-clean, pure 2) in a similitude, like a vine cleansed by pruning and so fitted to bear fruit c) ethically: 1) free from corrupt desire, from sin and guilt 2) free from every admixture of what is false, sincere genuine 4) unstained with the guilt of anything. (2)**religion**- 2356 threskeia-religious worship; especially external, what consists of ceremonies, religious discipline, religion (3)**undefiled**-283 amiantos-not defiled, unsoiled: free from that by which the nature of a thing is deformed and debased, or its force and vigor impaired. (4)**visit**-1980 episkeptomai (ep-ee-skep'-tom-ahee); middle voice from 1909 and the base of 4649; to inspect, i.e. (by implication) to select; by extension, to go to see, relieve: KJV-- look out, visit. (5)**fatherless**-3737 orphanos-bereft (of a father, of parents) a) used of those bereft of a teacher, a guide, or a guardian b) orphaned. (6)**widows**-5503 chera (khay'-rah); feminine of a presumed derivative apparently from the base of 5490 through the idea of deficiency; a widow (as lacking a husband), literally or figuratively: KJV-- widow. (7) **in their affliction**-2347 thlipsis (thlip'-sis); from 2346; pressure (literally or figuratively): KJV-- afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble. (8)**keep** himself-5083 tereo- to attend to carefully, to take care of a) to guard b) metaphorically, to keep, one in the state in which he is c) to observe d) to reserve: to undergo something. (9)**unspotted**-784 aspilos (as'-pee-los); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 4695; unblemished (physically or morally): KJV-- without spot, unspotted. 2) metaphorically, a) free from censure, irreproachable b) free from vice, unsullied. (10) from the **world**-2889 kosmos-1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government 6) the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ 7) world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ.

James 1:27 ... Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, (KJV)

Ps 119:1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. (KJV)

Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (KJV)

Luke 1:6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. (KJV)

Acts 9:10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. **11** And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, **12** And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. **13** Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: **14** And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. **15** But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: **16** For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. **17** And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. **18** And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, **and arose, and was baptized.** **19** And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. **20** And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. (KJV)

Acts 26:1 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself: **2** I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews: **3** Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently. **4** My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews; **5** Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. **6** And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers: **7** Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews. **8** Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? **9** I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. **10** Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. **11** And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities. **12** Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, **13** At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. **14** And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. **15** And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. **16** But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; **17** Delivering thee from the

people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, **18** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. **19** Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: **20** But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance. **21** For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me. **22** Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: **23** That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles. **24** And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad. **25** But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness. **26** For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner. **27** King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. **28** Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. (KJV)

Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. **2** For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. **3** For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. **4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. **5** For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. **6** But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) **7** Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)(KJV)

Gal 1:1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;) **2** And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia: **3** Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, **4** Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: **5** To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. **6** I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: **7** Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. **8** But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. **9** As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. **10** For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. **11** But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. **12** For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. **13** For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: **14** And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. **15** But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's

womb, and called me by his grace, **16** To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: **17** Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. **18** Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. **19** But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. **20** Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. (KJV)

1 Tim 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: (KJV)

1 Tim 5:4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. (KJV)

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. (KJV)

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Job 31:15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb? **16** If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail; **17** Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof; **18** (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;) **19** If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering; **20** If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep; (KJV)

Isa 1:16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; **17** Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Isa 58:6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? **7** Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? (KJV)

Matt 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Matt 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: **35** For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: **36** Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. **37** Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? **38** When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? **39** Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? **40**

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. **41** Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: **42** For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: **43** I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. **44** Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? **45** Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. **46** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. (KJV)

Luke 3:11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. (KJV)

Luke 11:41 But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

Acts 4:34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, (KJV)

Acts 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. (KJV)

Acts 9:36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. (KJV)

Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. (KJV)

Gal 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. **10** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. (KJV)

1 Tim 5:3 Honour widows that are widows indeed. (KJV)

I Jn 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? **18** My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. **19** And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. (KJV)

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John 17:14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the

world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. (KJV)

Acts 15:29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well. (KJV)

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. **2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. **17** Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. **18** If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. **19** Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. **20** Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. **21** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. (KJV)

1 Cor 10:19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? **20** But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. **21** Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. **22** Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he? (KJV)

2 Cor 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. (KJV)

2 Cor 5:16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. **17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (KJV)

2 Cor 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? **15** And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? **16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, **18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

2 Cor 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (KJV)

Gal 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: (KJV)

Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. (KJV)

Phil 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, **14** I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. **15** Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. **16** Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. **17** Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. **18** (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) **20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: **21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.(KJV)

Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (KJV)

Col 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. **3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. **5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: **6** For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: **7** In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. **8** But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. **9** Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; **10** And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (KJV)

I Jn 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: (KJV)

I Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world,

the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. **17** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

I Jn 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. **5** Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? (KJV)

I Jn 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. **18** We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. **19** And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. **20** And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. **21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen. (KJV)