

Series: Orphans Sunday

Sermon: Adoption is Not Second Best

Bible Verses: Ephesians 1:4-5 and various

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We were chosen by God, to be saved _____ the world _____!

God chooses to describe his grand cosmic plan for the redemption of humankind as _____.

To whatever extent we _____ in Jesus' name, we are welcoming Jesus himself! Jesus basically says, "I take personally, how you treat them."

God's *desire* is to "set the _____" and help the fatherless, through _____.

Our responsibilities to the orphans/children in need:

A. " _____ " orphans and care for them (James 1:27).

B. "Rescue the weak and needy" - meaning _____ their situations and make a difference (Psalm 82:3-4).

C. We should not _____ all our time or money, but purposely _____ some to help orphans (or organizations that help orphans such as churches, people, their families etc). This is _____ and _____ our normal giving to church (Deut 24:20-22).

TAKE IT HOME:

1. _____ for them. Find children at <http://adoptkskids.org/>

2. _____ up for them. Tell others the importance or become a court appointed advocate (NationalCASA.org).

3. Provide _____. Give to the church where a portion goes to orphan causes, give to the BIC Spice program, provide for those who can do foster care or adopt, share in a child's adoption fund (Reece's Rainbow).

4. Support those who _____ orphans. Mow, baby sit, organize meals for foster parents. Have a shower for a family adopting a child of any age.

5. _____ a foster parent. Adopt a child. Do the MAPP class: Contact St. Francis (st-francis.org) or TFI (tfifamily.org/) or review adoptkskids.org

6. _____ and care for them by forming a relationship with a foster/adopted children.

7. Support and _____ for birthparents who placed or are placing a child with an adoptive family.

8. Attend a _____ event. A shorter training, allows you to do temporary foster care for "police protective custody" up to 72 hours for a child in immediate need. Revolution Church is planning on hosting one in December.