

## Series: Orphans

### Sermon: Loving Orphans Because He Loved Us

Bible Verses: Ephesians 1:4-5 and various

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### Scriptural/Godly View of Adoption:

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

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

Because of the extreme love God gave us, we should \_\_\_\_\_ give that love to others.

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.

### Our responsibilities to the orphans:

A. "To look after" orphans - meaning take it upon ourselves to take \_\_\_\_\_ of or have thoughtful \_\_\_\_\_ for. (James 1:27)

B. "Defend the \_\_\_\_\_" meaning to look out for orphans in a legal sense. Help them overcome the terrible *system of* \_\_\_\_\_ that lets them down. (Psalms 82:3-4)

C. We are to speak up for the orphan. Literally "open your \_\_\_\_\_ for their \_\_\_\_\_."  
(Prov 31:8-9)

D. We should not \_\_\_\_\_ all our money, but purposely \_\_\_\_\_ some to help orphans (or organizations that help orphans such as churches, people, etc). This is \_\_\_\_\_ our normal giving to church and charity.

### PRACTICALLY SPEAKING:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for them. Find children at <http://www.the-farm.org/adoption/child-search.aspx>
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, or specify giving to an orphan fund.
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. Protect orphans. \_\_\_\_\_ a foster parent. Adopt a child.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ and care for them by forming a relationship with a foster/adopted children.
7. Support and \_\_\_\_\_ for birthparents who know their children may be better off in an adoptive home.