

PURE RELIGION BEFORE GOD. James 1:27; Is to
visit with:

Counsel; Comfort; and relieve, the fatherless
and widows, those who need it most in their
affliction, in their most hopeless and helpless
state; and to keep himself unspotted from the
world...from the maxims, tempers, habits and
customs of the world. WE MUST REMEMBER:

1. That pure and undefiled religion consists
principally in faith working by love to God
and man. SCRIPTURES: Gal. 5:6; 1 Cor.13:1;
1 John 4:8; 1 John 1:5/

1 Tim. 1:5-7; Three things here mentioned:

1. Charity or love out of a pure heart. The
commandment was not designed to secure
merely the outward expressions of love,
but that which had its seat in the heart

2. And of a good conscience: A conscience
free from
guilt. A pretended love where a man
knows he is living in sin is hypocrisy.

3. And of faith unfeigned: Undissembled
confidence in God. Can we exercise love
to a professed friend
in whom we have no confidence?

2. The important fruit of faith and the love of
our neighbor is not saying only, BE THOU
WARMED AND FILLED. James 2:14-18; 1 John 4:17.

3. The most important mark of faith in, and love
to, God, is purity intention and affection, or
being dead to, and unspotted by, the world..
Col. 3:1-4; Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 6:17, 18, Gen. 12:1.

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