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“24 This is why a man leaves his father and mother
and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh.
25 Both the man and his wife were naked, yet felt no
shame.”

Genesis 2:24-25

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James 1:27: “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.”

John 14:18: ““I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

Proverbs 31:8-9: “8 Open your mouth for the mute,
for the rights of all who are destitute. 9 Open your
mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the
poor and needy.

Psalms 68:5: “Father of the fatherless and protector
of widows is God in his holy habitation.”

Psalm 146:9: “The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.”

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“We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also.”

Ephesians 2:3

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- 5) God adopts us into his family through Jesus.

“12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are not obligated to the flesh to live according to the flesh, 13 because if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all those led by God’s Spirit are God’s sons. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father!”

16 The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, 17 and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.”

Romans 8:12-17

“See what great love the Father has given us that we should be called God’s children—and we are!”

I John 3:1a

“If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means he does not understand Christianity very well at all.”

-JI Packer, Knowing God

“Adoption is a family idea, conceived in terms of *love*, and viewing God as *Father*. In adoption, God takes us into his family and fellowship—he establishes us as his children and heirs. Closeness, affection, and generosity are at the heart of the relationship. To be right with God the Judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the Father is greater.”

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Jesus died for our sins to make us sons and daughters of God.

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