

Living the Life of Compassion  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009  
Pastor Steve Martinez

What kind of ministry is going on in San Bernardino?

The Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27 (NIV)*

### Who are the Orphan and the Widow?

The orphan is one who has no \_\_\_\_\_

The widow is one who has no \_\_\_\_\_

God desires for his people to give hope and to give help to those who need it.

The world pollutes the will of God

*Men move boundary stones; they pasture flocks they have stolen. They drive away the orphan's donkey and take the widow's ox in pledge. They thrust the needy from the path and force all the poor of the land into hiding. Job 24:2-4 (NIV)*

Pure and Faultless religion keeps us from being polluted

We need to seek the Religion of Jesus

### The Religion of Jesus

*Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)*

### How Jesus Saw the World

\_\_\_\_\_ is a disease

\_\_\_\_\_ is a sickness

\_\_\_\_\_ needs healing

The Good News is that we can be Jesus in our communities

### Four Ways we Can be Jesus: Matthew 9:35-38

1. Having the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus  
*Jesus went through all the towns and village (v 35a)*

2. Having the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus  
*When he saw the crowds (v 36a)*

3. Having the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus  
*[H]e (Jesus) had compassion on them (v 36b)*

4. Having the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus  
*Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (vs 37-38)*