

Text: Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Title: Justice for the Fatherless

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I. THE LORD CHOSE TO LOVE HIS PEOPLE BECAUSE OF GRACE (vv 12-15)

This is the gospel

- Deuteronomy 7:6-8
- This is how God saved Israel – Passover
- This is how God saves individuals and makes them his people

II. HIS PEOPLE OBEY *BECAUSE* THEY'RE LOVED, NOT *SO* THEY'LL BE LOVED (v 16)

The Exodus comes first, then Sinai

- Passover, the Red Sea / God gives Moses the Law at Mt. Sinai

Grace comes first, then the command

- Ephesians 2:1-10, 4:17-25
- Colossians 1:13-14, 21-22, 2:13-15, 3:1-17

III. GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CARE FOR THE FATHERLESS, WIDOW AND SOJOURNER (vv 17-19)

This is a theme that comes up again and again in Deuteronomy

- Deut 14:29 (laws about giving tithes)
- Deut 16:11, 14 (reminding them to remember the passover and celebrate with feasts)
- Deut 24:17-22 (remember that you were a sojourner, fatherless!)
- Deut 26:12-13 (taking care of them financially)
- Deut 27:19 (curses for disobedience)

He gives the command to all of Israel, not just some called to a specific ministry

- Notice that He is speaking to the whole nation.

This command carries through to God's people in the New Testament

- James 1:27

What does this look like for us?

- Some in this room are called to adopt / foster
- Some in this room are called to help financially
- All Christians in this room are called to in some way be part of caring for the orphan.