## What's Wrong With Religion?

- What is Religion?
  - **Definition** ♦ ≈ □ M & M + © signifies religion in its external aspect, religious worship, especially the ceremonial service of religion Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, 1981,
- James 1:27 "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."
- Visit Orphans & Widows in Their Trouble
  - Helping the needy Galatians 6:10
- Keep Oneself Unspotted From The World
  - Walking in the light 1John 1:7
- If There is Pure and Undefiled Religion, then there must be the possibility of Impure or Defiled Religion!

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- How Can Religion Be <u>Impure</u> (or) <u>Defiled?</u>
  - False Religion Looks Religious But Is Not True!
    - A Form of Godliness but denying its power
      - 2 Timothy 3:1-5
    - There Will Be False Teachers
      - 2 Peter 2:1
    - Jesus Will Not Bear False Doctrines
      - Revelation 2:12-15
  - Defiled Religion Doesn't Practice The Truth!
    - Saying One Thing, Doing Another
      - 1 John 1:6
    - Grow In The Lord or Die!
      - 2 Peter 1:9
    - Christians Who Have Defiled Their Religion
      - Revelation 3:1-4
  - They Exchange God's "Religion" For Their Own
    - 2 Timothy 4:1-4