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The Faith We Possess

What we do is based on what we believe — or the faith we possess. That is the trust and confidence we have in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, which came to us by hearing the gospel which compels us to obey every Word of God (Jn 8:31, 51).

We are disciples of the One who set us free (to take care of widows and orphans — James 1:27; and not hide ourselves from our own kin — Isa 58:7). Does this sound strange? How about Acts 2 and 4? Does Acts 4:32-35 sound strange? Or does Acts 5:1 sound familiar? To hold on to ones own possessions is the same as holding on to one's own life — which means exactly what our Master said — it's to lose your life eternally.

Religion — is to have care, to bind up the brokenhearted, to be faithful to the one who saves us — to heed His Word. It is to have care, not neglect, to whom honor and obedience is due. **Re-link** — is to cause to heal what is broken or severed (that which is hurt) and cause it to see, to walk, to talk (root word — re-leg). We give the same care to all so there are no needy among us — Acts 4:34 — and no division either (1 Cor 12:25).