

## All in...A Faith that Works

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(Doing so will impact into eternity)

### JAMES 1:19-27

<sup>19</sup> *Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

<sup>22</sup> *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.*

<sup>26</sup> *If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> 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.*" (ESV – English Standard Version)

### QUICK REVIEW –

<sup>17</sup> *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation of shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

**Q.** – THE most treasured gift one can receive?

A. = **ETERNAL LIFE**

**Q.** – The Creator (manufacturer) of this gift?

A. = The **FATHER** also known as **ABBA (Daddy)**

**Q.** – The Object (deliverer) of the gift?

A. = The **INCARNATE WORD** also known as **JESUS**.

**Q.** – The Helper (navigator) pinpointing delivery of the gift?

A. = The **SPIRIT** also known as **SPIRIT OF TRUTH**

**Q.** – The Instrument (device) that opens, explains and fuels the enrichment of the gift?

A. = The **WORD** of **TRUTH** also known as the **HOLY BIBLE**. SEE 2 Timothy 3:16

RESULT? (v.18)

### IN HUMILITY RECEIVE & ACCEPT THE WORD – v.21

APPLICATION or *SO WHAT(S)????*

### Cross References:

John 1:12-13; Romans 10:9-17, esp.v.17; 2 Timothy 3:16; Romans 6; Galatians 5:16ff;...[James 1:21; Deuteronomy 32:47a; Romans 10:17; Psalm 119:9, 11; Deuteronomy 31:12-13; Genesis 15:1]...Psalms 73:26; 19:7, 23:2-3; Isaiah 55:1 w/ John7:37-38a

### Resources used:

The Bible  
Tim Keller's study on James  
Psalm 73 reflection adapted from John Piper's *Solid Joys* daily web offering:  
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/164bc4dd08e7ccac>  
Prior work I did on James' letter  
C.S. Lewis' classic, *Mere Christianity* – chapter on HOPE