

JAMES: Looking in the Mirror

Text: James 1:19-27

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v19

REMEMBER:: True faith is a faith that works practically in our lives.

This is your position in Christ: BELOVED

Out of our identity comes our activity.

We don't work for the love of God, but we work from the love of God.

QUESTION:: Will we humbly listen or actively resist God's Word?

v20-21

We are not to segment our life, but to surrender our life.

When we approach the Word we bring to it many ideas from the world which the WORD confronts & counters.

v22-25

To hear and not take action on what you heard is to lie to yourself.

God's Word always evokes action. If there's no action, there's no acceptance of it.
1 John 2:3-6; John 8:32

REAL RELIGION SHOWS UP IN::

1. Our Speech - When you speak, you tell the truth about your heart.

2. Practical Compassion *1 John 3:16-18*

3. Personal Purity

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