

# REAL FAITH OBEYS GOD'S WORD

Oftentimes, what makes the Christian life difficult is not putting into practice the things we already know. The book of James challenges us that the proof of our faith is seen by how we live, especially in the face of trials. It's easy to claim to be Christians, but we are reminded to examine the means and motives by which we prove our faith to be real. Our means should be living out our salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12-13), and our motive to obey should be fueled by our love for Christ. Real faith, then, obeys God's word, and results in the following:

## CLEAR TRANSFORMATION

(James 1:19-21)

It is within God's will for us to be born again through His living and enduring word (James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23). But when we hear God's word, do we truly listen and live transformed lives? James instructs us to be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger (vv.19-20). This means consistently paying attention to God's word and pausing before reacting to what others say about us, especially in anger. "Anger is not in itself sinful, but... it may be the occasion for sin." (R.C. Sproul). Our responses reveal if we are living transformed lives or not; and by our deeds we either deny God or become witnesses to the faith we profess (Titus 1:16). Let us receive God's word in humility so that we may produce fruit for God's glory (James 1:21).

**Challenge:** Will you receive God's word today in humility, that it may be implanted in your heart and bear fruit in your life?

## CONSISTENT APPLICATION

(James 1:19-22-25)

We are called to practice what we preach — not sometimes, but all the time! Hearing God's word is one thing, but learning is not complete until it is applied. Jesus Himself said that true disciples are those that continue in His word (John 8:31-32). The Bible is the only mirror that reflects how God sees us and, at the same time, transforms us. When we abide by it, being effectual doers and not forgetful hearers, we become blessed in what we do! (James 1:25)

## PURE RELIGION

(James 1:26-27)

Many people claim to be religious, but a faith built on unguarded words and deceitfulness is worthless (v.26). Pure religion is living out God's commands. We are to bless others, not just through distant sympathy for the needy, but by sharing the gospel to a world lost without Christ (v.27). We are to reject the things of the world: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life (1 John 2:15-16). And just as a bride remains pure while waiting for her groom, God calls us to be holy, righteous, and set apart as we await our Bridegroom, Jesus (James 1:26-27).

As we live in anticipation of Christ's return, may the evidence of our faith be visible as we live in obedience to His word (Revelation 19:7-8)!

### last week's memory verse

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

JAMES 1:22

### discuss this message

- Has there been clear transformation in your life since you accepted Jesus? Explain your answer.
- What will you do to consistently apply God's word in your daily life?
- What will you do or stop doing to keep yourself pure and undefiled by the world?

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
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January 29, Thursday

3:00 PM, CCF Center

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**God brought you here  
for His purpose.**

**God loves you.**

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9*

**God is holy.**

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

**God is merciful.**

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6*

**God is gracious.**

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

**Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?**

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

**God keeps His promises.**

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*

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to listen and improve!**

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