

Pure & undefiled Religion

James 1:19-27

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” – James 1:22

“Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.” – James 1:18

1. The Gospel At Work In Our Conversations (vs. 19 & 26)

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.” - James 1:19

“If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless.” – James 1:26

“When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.” – Proverbs 10:19

“But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.” – Matthew 15:18

2. The Gospel At Work In Our Conduct (vs. 20 - 25)

“For the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore, put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 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 the mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 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.” -James 1:20-25

- a. Cleansing Work**
- b. Revealing Work**
- c. Freeing Work**

3. The Gospel At Work In Our Conduct (vs. 20 - 25)

“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.” – James 1:27

“Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.” - Isaiah 1:16-17