

James 1:22-25



#### Two Main Purposes of the Law

- 1. The Word **Saves us**
- 2. The Word Sanctifies us



## (1) The Danger of Self-Deception





## #1: Only Hearing is Enough

- 1. The Danger of Passivity
- 2. The Danger of Inoculation
- 3. The Danger of Pride

faith that WORKS



# #2: Only Looking is Enough

The Mirror is a Revealer

- 1. We Look Intently
- 2. We Go Away
- 3. We Forget





The Mirror is the Bible

1. Don't Look Casually

2. Don't Look Quickly

3. Don't Look Forgetfully

4. Don't Look Passively



# (2) The Solution: Be Doers of the Word





### 1. We Must Look Carefully

- 1. What am I Looking at?
- 2. How am I Looking?
- 3. What is the Result?





#### 2. We Must Look into God's Law

faith that WORKS



1. The Law is Perfect

1. To Bring us to Jesus (salvation)

2. To Make us Holy (sanctification)





#### 2. The Law is Liberty

Romans 6:15-18 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves,[a] you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.





#### 3. We Must Look with Perseverance

John 8:31-32 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples & you will know the truth & the truth will set you free

Romans 2:13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.





# (3) The Blessing of Being *Doers* of the Word

