

THE PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY

Jas 1:21-25

INTRODUCTION:

- A. But whoso looketh into:
 - 1. Suggest some examining needs to be done
 - 2. What are we to look into or examine?
- B. Look into the Perfect Law Of Liberty
- C. Let's examine this phrase to see just what we are to look into and what our responsibility is toward it

DISCUSSION:

I. IT IS PERFECT

- A. Perfect in revelation (wanting nothing necessary to completeness -- Thayer)
 - 1. It is the product of God 2Tim 3:16,17
 - 2. Given all things pertaining to life and godliness 2Pet 1:3
 - 3. Gospel is God's power to save Rom 1:16
 - 4. Revealed by Holy Spirit to apostles Jhn 14:16,26
- B. Perfect in design Isa 55:11
 - 1. It will do what God intended it to do
 - 2. Has cutting power Heb 4:12 demonstrated on the day of Pentecost Acts 2:38
 - 3. Sufficient to convict the world of sin
 - 4. Contains a remedy for sin
 - a. Truth makes one free Jhn 8:32
 - b. Word able to save soul Jas 1:21
 - c. Born again by this word 1Pet 1:23
- C. Perfect in teaching how to conduct our lives
 - 1. Don't look to moral codes of men
 - a. Don't conform to world Rom 12:2
 - b. This the basic error in church today
 - c. Must deny ungodliness and worldly lusts Tit 2:12
 - 2. Put on the new man Eph 4:24
 - a. New man is after God or patterned from Him
 - b. Created in righteousness and true holiness

II. IT IS A PERFECT LAW

- A. Some deny obedience to anything saying salvation is of faith and faith is not of works
 - 1. Salvation is of faith, but faith which worketh through love Gal 5:6
 - 2. Belief itself is a work of God Jhn 6:29
- B. The word LAW itself suggest rules of conduct given by one in authority (that is God)
 - 1. It is this law we are to continue in Jhn 8:31
 - 2. Must do the will of the Father Matt 7:21
 - 3. Christ has been given all authority Matt 28:18
 - 4. Author of salvation to all that obey Him Heb 5:9

5. Must abide in doctrine of Christ 2Jhn 9

C. Then this law is perfect (complete) and must be obeyed

III. IT IS A PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY (FREEDOM)

- A. Many confused about meaning of liberty
 - 1. Some say man chooses what he wants and God saves him in this that he has chosen
 - 2. Some say we are at liberty to do anything that is not expressly forbidden
- B. Bible liberty is freedom from the bondage of the law of Moses Gal 5:1
 - 1. Christ made us free, not to be entangled again
 - 2. Old law taken away Col 2:14
- C. Bible liberty is also freedom from sin Rom 6:18
 - 1. Obeyed from the heart the form of doctrine (teaching)
 - 2. Then made free from sin
- D. Never is this liberty a license to move according to our own righteousness
 - 1. Speak as the oracles of God 1Pet 4:11
 - 2. Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Col 3:17
 - 3. Don't have the liberty to change law Gal 1:8,9
 - 4. Don't have liberty to change worship Matt 15:9
 - 5. Don't have liberty to change work Eph 4:12
 - 6. Don't have liberty to continue in sin Rom 6:12
- E. False teachers in the New Testament promised liberty 2Pet 2:1,19
 - 1. Promised wrong kind of liberty
 - 2. Became servants of corruption
 - 3. Better for them not to have know the way of righteousness 2Pet 2:21
 - 4. The liberty they promised was not in Christ

CONCLUSION:

- A. Must look into this complete rule of conduct given by God, that sets us free from sin and the bondage of the law of Moses
- B. Then one must continue therein
- C. Be not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work (shows law has commands to be obeyed, things to do)
- D. THIS MAN (the man that looks, continues, not forgetful hearer, a doer of the work) shall be blessed in HIS DEEDS.
- E. "**HIS DEEDS**" again showing the responsibility of individual action to perform according to the perfect law of liberty.