

MAKING IT REAL

James 1:19-27

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Theology that is only in your head isn't worth much

LET'S GET STARTED

Christianity is a teaching faith. Virtually all progress toward spiritual maturity comes through learning the Scriptures. But sometimes theological knowledge can mask an unconverted heart. In this message James reminds us that theology is not an end in itself, but must be applied in real life if it is to provide us any real benefit.

LET'S HEAR THE WORD

WHY ARE BELIEVERS TO KNOW BIBLICAL DOCTRINE AND THEOLOGY?

Theology is the study of God, His nature, and His ways, as revealed in the Bible.

Psalm 119:9-11—⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

2 Peter 3:18—But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

2 Timothy 3:16—All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

Christianity is not a set of teachings to learn, but a Person to follow. —Henry Blackaby

Quotable

Many people think that the mark of an authentic Christian is doctrinal purity; if a person's beliefs are biblical and doctrinally orthodox, then he is a Christian. People who equate orthodoxy with authenticity find it hard to even consider the possibility that, despite the correctness of all their doctrinal positions, they may have missed the deepest reality of the authentic Christian life. But we must never forget that true Christianity is more than teaching—it is a way of life.

—Ray Stedman

If you would like to know more

Active Spirituality, by Charles Swindoll (Word Publishing, 1994)

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GOD'S INTENTION FOR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

It should shape our _____ (1:19).

¹⁹ My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

It should be _____ into _____ (1:21-25)

²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

It should lead us to _____ like _____ (1:26-27).

²⁶ If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

LET'S LIVE IT

We can put today's truth into practice by putting our knowledge of the Bible into practice in our everyday lives.

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