

Going Beyond Belief



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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

Christianity is believing right resulting in behaving righteously.

PRAYER

19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

—James 1:19-21 (ESV)

1. Receive the Word of God

You have the Word, now let the Word have you.

2. Do What the Word Says

*But be doers of the word, and **not hearers only**, deceiving yourselves.*

—James 1:22 (ESV)

A. Simply Hearing is Pointless

23 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 a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 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 1:23-25 (ESV)

B. Simply Hearing Misses the Blessing

God's way is always the best way!

28 But he [Jesus] said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

—Luke 11:28 (ESV)

*26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not **bridle his tongue** but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 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 1:26-27 (ESV)