

THE PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY

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"But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." {James 1:25}

This passage describes God's word in three significant ways:

PERFECT - God's word is perfect in its content and power. It contains the complete revelation of God's mind {2 Timothy 3:16-17}, and it is God's great power unto salvation to everyone who believes {Romans 1:16}. It is perfect because it was revealed by a God who is perfect in every way. It needs no improvement or revision by imperfect man. It will make those who follow it "perfect in Christ Jesus." {Colossians 1:28}

LAW - God's word is described as a law. {cf. Galatians 6:2} Mankind has always been under law before God. There is no true liberty in Christ without the restraints of God's righteous law to guide us away from committing lawlessness (iniquity). The law of liberty is the doctrine of Christ in which we must abide {2 John 9}, and we find it in the teaching of the New Testament.

LIBERTY - God's word is a perfect law of liberty to free all men who are caught in the clutches of sin. Jesus came to "set at liberty those who are oppressed" in sin. {Luke 4:18} Paul admonished the Galatians to "stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free." {Galatians 5:1} If we abide in the word of Christ, we will know the truth, and the truth will make us free. {John 8:31-32} Truly, God's word is a perfect law of liberty, and for that we rejoice in Christ!

We need to remember that God gave this perfect law of liberty to guide, direct, and help us mold our lives around its eternal truths. If it is perfect, we need nothing else!! ***