

“Live what you believe”
James 1:22-25; John 13:17

Big Idea – Knowing and doing God’s Word = blessing (happiness). Knowing and not doing it = misery and conflict.

“Do what God’s teaching says; when you just listen and do nothing, you are fooling yourselves.

23 Those who hear God’s teaching and do nothing are like people who look at themselves in a mirror.

24 They see their faces and then go away and quickly forget what they looked like.

25 But the truly happy people are those who carefully study God’s perfect law that makes people free, and they continue to study it. They do not forget what they heard, but they obey what God’s teaching says. Those who do this will be made happy.”
(James 1:22 – 25)

“If you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.”
(John 13:17)

Duty always comes after Doctrine.

1st - know what you believe.

(Review Bible doctrines from last week)

2nd - practice what you believe.

In light of what we believe what should we do?

1. God of the Bible & the Bible

Genesis 1:1; 2:16, 17;

I need to fear Him – love, honor and revere/respect Him

Proverbs 9:10 “Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.”

I should obey Him – Jesus said, “If you love me keep my commands

I should get to know Him – read His Word and pray

2. Man – made in image of God (Genesis 1:26)

Believe what God says about male and female genders.
Genesis 1:27

Marriage – one man/one woman – Genesis 2:24

Sexuality – in marriage only of husband & wife

This world is confused, as evidenced by the constant additions of letters in the acronym
LGBTQQIAP

3. Sin – man sins because it’s his nature and because he chooses to disobey God’s laws.

God gave Adam & Eve a command and a choice and they chose to disobey God.
(Genesis 3:17)

Remedy for sin – a blood sacrifice OT lambs/NT Lamb of God

Romans 6:23 the wages of sin is death...gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ
our Lord

Ephesians 2:8, 9 “...by grace through faith”

I can be made righteous by the atoning sacrifice of Christ. This is what we call
“Justification” or my position in Christ.

2 Cor. 5:21 “God made Him...to become sin for us...so we could be made righteous”

4. Salvation – Christ died for all – (An Unlimited Atonement)

Therefore, all need to hear.

So, we invite sinners to come like God does – why I give an invitation

Acts 17:30 “...God commands ALL people everywhere to repent”

Evangelism – *Mark 16:15 “go into all the world...give the Gospel to every creature.”*

I need to **walk** it

*Ephesians 4:1 "I, therefore, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beseech you to **walk worthy** of the calling with which you were called..."*

In Ephesians Paul gives first 3 chapters of doctrine, last 3 chapters are duty.

I need to **talk** it

Matthew 5:16 "let light shine...see your good works...glorify your Father Who is in heaven."

2 Corinthians 5:20 "...we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

Romans 10:14 "...before people can ask the Lord for help, they must believe in him; and before they can believe in him, they must hear about him; and for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them;"

God saves eternally, forever! God saves me by His grace and God keeps me saved by His grace.