

Questions

1. Thinking about God as the giver of every good and perfect gift, take a few minutes to pause and thank Him for some of the many good gifts that come to mind.
2. According to James 1:18 what has God given to believers, and through what instrument did He give this gift? And for what purpose did He do this?
3. Can you recall a time when God's truth, or someone's application of it to your life, made you angry? What about ordinary anger toward others? What are some practical steps you can take to be "slow to anger"?
4. These sermon questions and participation in a Home Group are meant to be tools to help you be a listener to God's Word who is also ready to act on it. What's one action you will seek to do because of James 1:18-27?
5. James speaks of self-deception in 1:16, 22, and 26. What danger is he highlighting and why does it matter?
6. In 1:27, James calls us to go and love those the world doesn't often serve and love. How are you being intentional about serving those in distress?
7. What are some steps you've taken recently to keep yourself "unstained from the world"?

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someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

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Receiving the Word

James 1:18-27

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James tells us that Jesus saved us "so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures." As recipients of new birth "by the word of truth," James has much to say to us about *how* we ought to receive God's truth. Today we'll see three ways we should receive it.

God gave us birth by the word of truth...

So that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.

What are first fruits? Deuteronomy 18:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13

As one who has been given new birth, I receive the precious, life-changing truth that God gives with a right heart, a ready attitude, and revealing speech and actions.

1. A right heart

3. **Revealing speech and actions**

2. **A ready attitude**