

*"But **be ye doers** of the Word, and not hearers (believers) only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect Law of Liberty (God's Word), and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." James 1:22-25 KJV*



Mirrors reflect what is before them, if there is light, but nothing changes unless there is a "doing." Dirty faces, messy hair, or disheveled clothing do not fix themselves. Something must be "done" for change to occur. "Whoso looketh into the perfect Law of Liberty, and continueth therein (obeys)...shall be Blessed in his DEED." The work FOR salvation is already "done!" We need DO nothing FOR salvation. We can only believe in and call on by faith the ready and waiting Saviour! "For whosoever SHALL CALL upon the name of the LORD, shall be saved!" Jesus did the "doing" FOR salvation! Believers do the "doing" OF salvation, because "faith without works (obedience) is dead." God "undoes" the curse of death for all who call on Him and obey His Word through faith. Knowing isn't the same as doing. Jesus said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye DO (obey) them." Obedience is the ONLY evidence of faith. Obeying God's Word brings peace and joy, but if we do not read and study God's Word, we cannot obey for we will not know it. Ignorance is NOT bliss! Until I repent and call by faith, all my "doing" is worthless! Anyone can obey my commands, but it doesn't make them my child. Children must be born to family. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." Spiritual birth must precede spiritual benefit. Babies do not conceive or birth themselves. Obedience demonstrates faith and trust, and the "doing" is Blessed, because "happy are ye if ye DO them." In Genesis it says, "God BLESSED them, and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth'" God's command was the Blessing; provision was already there. God's Blessings, if obeyed, bring happiness, because God's provision lines the pathway of obedience. You don't find ice cream in a volcano! The "Perfect Law of Liberty" is the "mirror" which reveals Life's blemishes: If corrected, bring happiness to the "doer." Law cannot mend, repair, or forgive transgression. It only reveals. Repentance is obedience of God's Word by faith. If we repent, we are forgiven and transformed from strangers to children. The "Perfect Law of Liberty" reveals our blemishes, obedience removes them. There must be light for a mirror to work. The Light of Truth reveals sin in the mirror of God's Law.

A mirror shows us what is wrong,  
What we should "fix" as we go 'long,  
The Law of God will show us, true,  
The righteous deeds we need to "do." ~CGP

Babies aren't fixed, they're new. The difference between fixed and new is; one comes from the shop, the other from the showroom. God makes all things new, not "fixed!" Salvation is in three parts. The believer's Spirit is immediately, forever NEW, the soul is made NEW through obedience to God's Word, and finally our bodies will be made NEW at the Second Resurrection. Disobedience is unbelief. Truth molds our souls from within by our obedience through faith of God's Word. Believe AND do!

*"Therefore IF any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV*