

THE PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY

In chapter two, James has been addressing a problem in the Jerusalem Christian Church regarding the Sin of Partiality (James 2:1-13).

We divided (James 2:1-13) into two sections for study.

- (James 2:1- 8) Sin of partiality.
- (James 2:9-13) Law of transgressor

We are currently studying doctrines from (James 2:9-13).

In this study we will cover two doctrines on spiritual liberty.

- **(James 1:25) Perfect law of liberty**
- (James 2:12) Law of perfect liberty

We will study three aspects of the Perfect Law of Liberty.

(James 1:25) “But **the one who looks intently** (ho parakupto/ a.a.ptc.nsm) at **the perfect law, the law of the liberty**, and (kai/ adjunctive of verbs) **abides by it** (parameno/ a.a.ptc.nsm), not having become (ouk ginomai/ a.m.ptc.gsm) a forgetful hearer but an **effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.**”

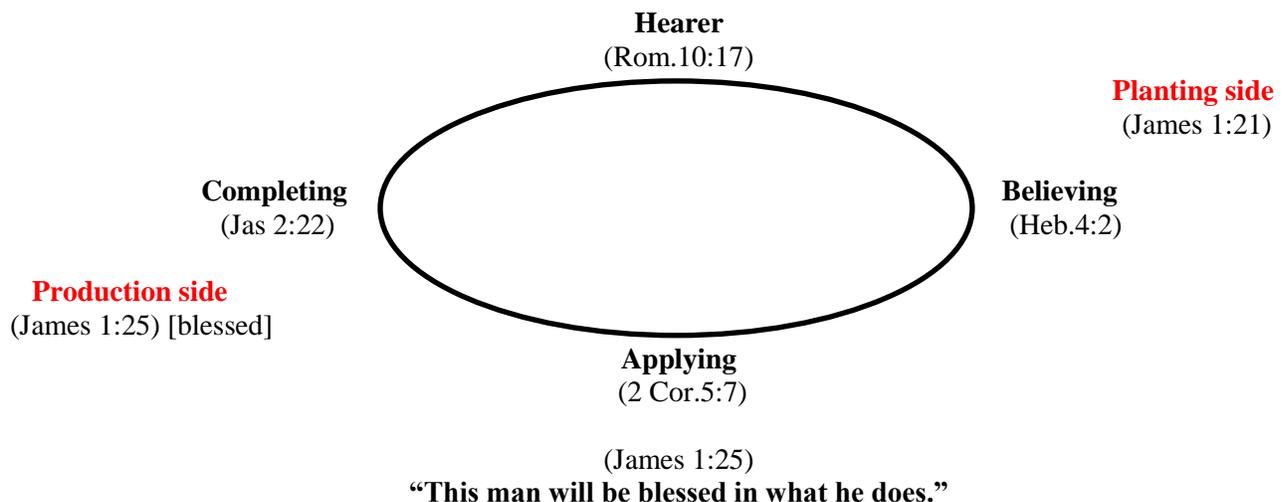
1. This is the first time James mentioned the Law of Liberty.

He will actually teach on it three times:

- (James 1:25) Perfect law of liberty
- (James 2:8) Royal law of love
- (James 2:12) Law of Perfect liberty

In (James 1:25), James used three Aorist Participles to show an important sequence for the perfect law of liberty working in life of believer - so that he is blessed.

- He must **look intently** at the Perfect law of liberty.
- He must also **abide by** the perfect law of liberty.
- He must not **become** a forget hearer, but (alla/ contrast) an effectual doer of the perfect law of liberty.



2. The perfect law of liberty cannot work to bring you into God's grace blessing, only faith in the gospel of grace salvation in Christ Jesus can.

Jesus Christ was the only person to keep the whole Old Covenant perfectly.

(Matt.5:17) "Do not think that I came into the world to abolish the **Law or Prophets**, I did not come to abolish but to fulfill."

(Rom.10:4) "For Christ is the **end of the law** for righteousness to everyone who believes."

(Luke 24:44) "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, **that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.**"

(Lk.24:44-53)

3. In chapter two, James warns the Christians of Jerusalem who were still holding onto the Old Covenant Law system.

They were attempting to combine Old Covenant law - works with New Covenant faith – grace in the Christian Way of Life.

The Book of Hebrews gives five warnings on the same subject;

- (Heb.2; 3-4)
- (Heb.2:5-6)
- (Heb.2:10)
- (Heb.2:12)

James warned them of the Old Covenant Law of Transgressor (Heb.2:9-13).

(Heb.2:10) "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in **one point**, he has become **guilty of all.**"

James warned them that they are guilty of violating four laws.

- 1st the law of common sense (James 2:6-7)
- 2nd the royal law of love (James 2:8)
- 3rd the law of transgressor (James 2:9-11)
- 4th the law of perfect liberty (James 2:12)

The perfect law of liberty is based on the spiritual freedom that comes only through faith in the gospel of grace salvation of Jesus Christ (1 Cor15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

(Gal.5:1)

"It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore, keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery."