

Sermon Series: James Where's The Proof?



Today's Message
“True Faith”

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“Where’s the Proof?”

***That you are a follower
of Jesus Christ?***

“True evangelical faith is of such a nature it cannot lie dormant, but spreads itself out in all kinds of righteousness and fruits of love.”

“True evangelical faith, cannot lie dormant, it clothes the naked, it feeds the hungry, it comforts the sorrowful, it shelters the destitute, it serves those that harm it, binds up that which is wounded, it has become all things to all creatures.”

- Menno Simons

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.”

James 1:12

Our help comes from the Lord!

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it, not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it, they will be blessed in what they do.

James 1:22-25

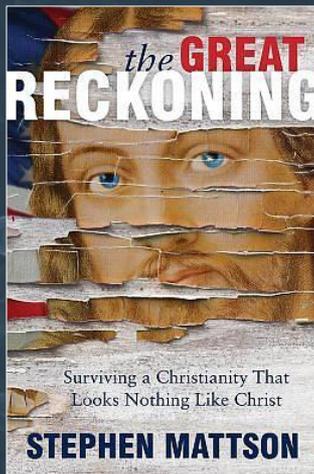
HOW TO AVOID FOLLOWING JESUS...

1. Find your identity in consuming things instead of in Jesus Christ (materialism)
2. Be drawn into a culture of death instead of the life giving ways of Jesus.
3. Ignore the least of these. The poor. (Matthew 25)
4. Manipulate the Bible or cherry pick verses to benefit yourself and your opinions.
5. Embrace a loveless theology.

“If you are a follower of Christ, you have the power of the Holy Spirit. You are a representative of something holy, divine, godly, and you are capable of producing supernatural goodness. Just as a culturally dominant Christianity can ruin God’s reputation by being hypocritical and oppressive, Christ-followers can glorify God and make God truly known.”

- Stephen Mattson

(The Great Reckoning – Surviving a Christianity that looks nothing like Christ)



My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this:
Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to
speak and slow to become angry, because
human anger does not produce the
righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get
rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so
prevalent and humbly accept the word planted
in you, which can save you.

James 1:19-21

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions.

It is by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2: 4-5

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Lifestyle Faith

**Live out your faith in a way that people
will want to have what you have in
Jesus Christ.**

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Take My Life

Lord, take my life, my work,
my words, my finances, my desires,
my love for you...

Let it be an example of true faith,
so that it might draw others to you.