

“What is ‘True Religion?’”



EVIDENCES OF TRUE FAITH • part 10
James 1:26-27

INTRODUCTION

- “Religious, no; spiritual, yes”...what’s the difference?

- context

1. True religion reveals a controlled self (1:26)

- the tongue reveals the condition of the heart

Jms. 3:5-6; Mt. 12:34-37

- a Christian’s true freedom and ability to control self

Rom. 6:17-19

Col. 3:8-10

2. True religion reflects our confessed Savior (1:27)

- not an exhaustive description, but a representative one

- ...to *visit* orphans and widows

Ex. 22:22-24; Ps. 68:5; Deut. 10:18

Is. 10:1-2; Zech. 7:8-10

- social concern...but not a “social gospel”

Mt. 25:34-40

- ...to keep oneself *unstained* by the world

2 Pet. 3:14; 1 Tim. 6:11-14

1 Jn. 2:15

CONCLUSION