

# ***“Look in the Mirror”***

## **James 1:23-25**

### **Intro:**

### **II. A Clarifying Illustration:**

- A physical mirror – *The Straightforward Simplicity*; and every day experience of looking in the mirror.
- The mirror reveals a lot of things. And whatever it is that the mirror reveals; different people deal with it in different ways.

*Two reasons that we forget what we saw in the mirror –*

1) *Because we just don't believe.*

2) *There are a multitude of other mirrors, which are distorted.*

- The mirror of the Word tells us *who we were*:
  - i. You were dead. (Eph. 2:1).
  - ii. You were blinded by the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4).

iii. You were separated (Eph. 2:12) from Christ. You were excluded from the community of faith... without hope, and without God.

- The mirror of the Word tells us *who we are*– Eph. 2:12
  - i. In Christ Jesus you who were once far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.
  - ii. That we are God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10), created in Christ Jesus to do good works.
  - iii. (2 Cor. 5:17) If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
  - iv. New things like – a new identity, a new heart, a new purpose for living and a new calling in life.
  - v. (1 Peter 2:9-10) You are a chosen people you are part of a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

**PROBLEM:** *The problem is, all too often “we glance” at the Word, but “we gaze” at the culture.*

### **Application:**

- Pray and ask God to give you a gift... (Eph. 1:18-2:6)