

James Series Going Deeper

5- Day Devotional

Week 5, Day 5: The Greatest Gift Is New Life

Verse of the Day

Primary Scripture: James 1:18

Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Primary Focus Statement

The greatest evidence of God's goodness is that He has given us new life through His Word and set us apart for His purpose.

Devotional Teaching

James now brings everything to its highest point. God does not just give good gifts, He gives life itself. Of His own will He brought us forth. This means your salvation was initiated by God. It was His desire, His decision, and His work.

He brought us forth by the word of truth, which is the gospel. Through the truth of who Jesus is and what He has done, God takes spiritually dead hearts and brings them to life. This is the greatest gift you will ever receive.

James also says that we are firstfruits of His creatures. This means we are set apart, chosen, and meant to reflect His work. Our lives are now evidence of His goodness and a glimpse of what He is doing in the world.

This changes everything about how you live. You are not just saved from something, you are saved for something. You are called to reflect the goodness of God in a world that desperately needs to see it.

Reflection Questions

1. Do I truly see my salvation as the greatest gift God has given me?
2. How is my life reflecting the goodness and work of God to others?
3. Am I living as someone who has been set apart for God's purpose?

Action Step

Share your story of what God has done in your life with someone this week as a way of reflecting His goodness and pointing others to Him.