

The Sermon on the Mount

Fulfilling the Law

Matthew 5:17-20

Introduction

It seems the more powerful a leader becomes, the more powerful he wants to be! The problem lies in the fallen nature of man. We've all heard the phrase by John Acton, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

1. Creation will never supersede the _____!
2. When Jesus enters this world, He seeks out the lost and offers them _____ even though they deserve retribution.
3. The kingdom of heaven is a _____.
4. Moral law and the regulation of life are not determined or arrived at by _____.
5. God seeks your _____ rather than your opinion!
6. The teachings of Jesus are absolutes because the Teacher rules _____!
7. As King of the Kingdom, _____ exercises all the authority and power of the Godhead.
8. Because Jesus is _____, He cannot be corrupted by power!
9. Salvation is God's free _____.

10. Because of Christ's obedience to the will of God, He becomes the author and finisher of an obedient _____!

11. In this passage, Jesus moves beyond character issues of discipleship into the areas of obedience and obligations of _____ in the kingdom.

12. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus begins with _____ before moving on to teaching about a life that truly fulfills the Law.

I. The Law Fulfilled

13. Jesus teaches that He is the fulfillment of the _____.

14. Jesus indicates that the Old Testament is a revelation from _____.

15. Jesus teaches the _____, most insignificant part of the Old Testament has an enduring and vital quality greater than that of heaven and earth.

16. Jesus did not come to _____ the Law but to fulfill it.

17. The only thing He came to destroy is the works of the _____.

18. In Jesus' day, there were four types of law:

1. There was the moral law of the _____ Commandments,
2. There was the _____ law of the Old Testament that regulated society in the nation.
3. There was the _____ law that governed the ritual and worship of the people.

4. And there was the _____ or scribal law that attempted to interpret the moral law.

19. The Old Testament did not contain the _____ law.

20. The Law Jesus came to fulfill was God's _____ law!

21. Jesus fulfilled the _____ law by ushering in a new Israel, a new community united in faith.

II. God's Grace Revealed

22. The sacrifice of Christ on the Cross reveals God's _____!

23. The grace of God is not a license to practice _____.

24. Jesus didn't abolish the law – He _____ it.

25. You might be saved by the sacrifice and grace of the Savior, but what kind of _____ are you in the kingdom of heaven?

26. The grace of God is not an _____ or cover-up for poor behavior.

27. The grace of God is what gives us _____ and faith to become a better person.

III. Obedience is Still His Will

28. Jesus says that our righteousness must _____ that of the Pharisees and scribes.

29. To be righteous does not mean adding more tasks and _____ to your life.

30. Righteousness is choosing to love and value people unconditionally, regardless of their _____.

31. Righteousness includes a willingness to confront _____.

32. The righteousness that exceeds comes from the _____, not the head!

Conclusion

33. The citizens of Christ's kingdom accept the grace of God as _____ to atone for sin and believe in living the Christ-life!

34. The righteous don't get lost in ritual and tradition, but neither do they _____ it.

35. Our righteousness is the righteousness of _____.

Are you willing to allow Christ to fulfill God's law of love in your heart through your obedient service? Maybe it's time to give up your earthly ambitions to Jesus and begin to reclaim and pursue your citizenship in Christ's kingdom!

ANSWERS:

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| 1. Creator | 14. God | 25. Citizen |
| 2. Reconciliation | 15. Smallest | 26. Excuse |
| 3. Monarchy | 16. Abolish | 27. Hope |
| 4. Consensus | 17. Devil | 28. Exceed |
| 5. Obedience | 18. Ten, judicial, | 29. Duties |
| 6. Absolutely | ceremonial, | 30. Background |
| 7. Jesus | rabbinic | 31. Evil |
| 8. Sinless | 19. Scribal | 32. Heart |
| 9. Gift | 20. Moral | 33. Sufficient |
| 10. Faith | 21. Judicial | 34. Ignore |
| 11. Citizens | 22. Grace | 35. Christ |
| 12. Blessings | 23. Sin | |
| 13. Law | 24. Fulfills | |