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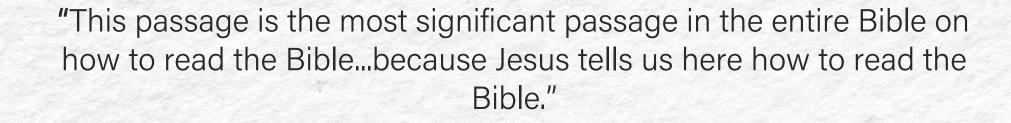
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Matthew 5:17-20 ESV

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.



SCOT MCKNIGHT





Luke 24:25

And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.



Hebrews 10:11-17

¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," ¹⁷ then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more,"



1. You're Not As Good As You Think (And Definitely Not Good Enough For Heaven) Matthew 5:20

²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

"Christian righteousness far surpasses pharisaic righteousness in kind rather than in degree...Christian righteousness is greater than pharisaic righteousness because it is deeper, being a righteousness of the heart."

JOHN STOTT



2. God's Law Is Good, And Teaches Us What Is Good (But Can't Get You To Heaven) Matthew 5:18-19

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Romans 6:14

"we are no longer under the Law, but under grace"



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Galatians 2:16

"yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ"



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Galatians 3:24-26

"So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith."



Romans 3:20 NIV

"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin."

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John 5:45-36

"Do not think I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me." "To run and work the law commands, Yet gives me neither feet or hands; But better news the gospel brings: It bids me fly, and gives me wings."

JOHN BUNYAN

3. JESUS



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Matthew 5:17

¹⁷ Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.