

Living the Ten Out – Jesus Style

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-18; John 1:16-17; Matthew 5:17-18; II Corinthians 5:21; II Corinthians 9:8; Galatians 2:19-21; Romans 8:11; Hebrews 12:1-2

Introduction: We started out this series saying that the Ten Commandments was given by God as the first rules ever given to mankind to show them how to live. In so many ways (we said), if you obeyed them, you could see them as commandments of blessings. But they worked both ways, as they could bring harm into your life if you disobeyed them. But they were given as “boundaries of blessings.”

As we wrap up this series, it’s important to discover what happened to the Old Covenant’s commandments. Did they disappear? Were they no longer applicable to either the Jews as a nation, or the church as we moved forward? The answer was that we need these words from God as much as we ever did. But how do we live these out “Jesus Style?”

I. How Can We Live-Up to such Lofty Expectations?

1. In and of itself, the Mosaic Law was beautiful – Psalms 19:7-11
2. But it has a problem: It stirs up the flesh – Galatians 3:13
3. It failed to help me stand in front of a Holy God, in fact, the Law just revealed my ugliness and proclivity towards doing wrong.
4. If I can’t meet God’s expectations, then where is my answer?

II. Jesus Style - “I’ll Do it For You!”

1. Jesus makes a staggering statement in Matthew 5:17-18
“I’ll satisfy the standards of God.”
2. Jesus satisfied the problems the Law exposed.
3. How? A credit took place on the Cross, by Jesus paying OUR bill.
4. New Testament word for that credit: GRACE.

III. We Have the Credit. It’s all Paid Up. What’s the Problem?

1. By virtue of the price He paid at Calvary, God created a union between His Son and anyone who would believe in the work He did.
2. When I act outside of that union, I create chaos in my life.

IV. The Answer

1. I need to understand that for this union to work, I need to die to myself and let Christ live in me - Galatians 2:19
2. The way God pulled that off is to live in my being via the 3rd member of the Trinity – the Holy Spirit. He has given me ALL of the Holy Spirit’s power resident inside of me.
3. BUT... I can nullify that power, and many Christians do. How?
