



The Scripture and Kingdom Citizens Matthew 5:17-20

Introduction: What is your personal view of the _____?

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 2 Peter 1:19-21

I. Scripture and _____ – 5:17

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.”

The word “*destroy*” means to _____, or utterly overthrow.

New Living Translation – Matthew 5:17 - ¹⁷ *“Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose.”*

The word “*destroy*” is used twice in this verse to emphasize why Jesus did not come. He did not come as a destroyer. No, He came to _____ Scripture.

Hear this: All Scripture is about _____

Jesus to the disciples on the Emmaus Road

- Luke 24:27 – *And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*

- *Luke 24:44 – Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.”*
- *John 5:39 – You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.*

The word “fulfill” means to fill out or _____. It doesn’t mean to bring it to an end.

II. Scripture and _____ – 5:18

For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

The two words, “For assuredly,” can also be translated, as verily, truly, or surely. The Greek looks like our word “_____.”

The point is simple: God’s Word is _____

New Living Translation – Matthew 5:18 - ¹⁸ *I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved.*

Do you see the two words, “jot” and “tittle” in verse 18? What do those words mean? What is a jot? And what is a tittle?

III. Scripture and _____ – 5:19

Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

New Living Translation – Matthew 5:19 - ¹⁹ So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God’s laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

What do we learn from this verse?

Question: Which are you? A commandment _____ , or a commandment _____ ?

What is the teaching found here in this verse?

1. You will be called “ _____ ” in the kingdom of heaven if you are a commandment breaker.

- 1 Corinthians 15:33 - *“Do not be deceived, bad company corrupts good morals”*

2. You will be called _____ in the kingdom of heaven if you are a commandment keeper.

- 1 John 5:3 - *For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.*
- John 14:15 – *“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”*
- John 14:21a – *“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves me.”*
- James 1:22 - *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

Teach Others to be Commandment Keepers

- 2 Timothy 2:2 - ² *And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

IV. Scripture and Godly _____ – 5:20

For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

New Living Translation – Matthew 5:20 - ²⁰ *“But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!*

No one gets into the kingdom of heaven through their _____ righteousness.

- Matthew 25:25-28

Write down the words: _____

- 2 Corinthians 5:21 - ²¹ *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Conclusion: We close this third section of Matthew 5 with the following five _____:

1. All Scripture shall be _____ Jesus, Himself teaches us how to take Scripture and live it out in our daily lives.
2. All Scripture – every _____ and _____ of God’s Word shall be fulfilled. All “i” will be dotted, and all “t” crossed. Nothing shall be left unfinished.
3. All Scripture is to be _____ Kingdom Citizens are to be commandment keepers.
4. All Scripture needs to be _____ to others by Kingdom Citizens. We have a responsibility to instruct others on how to obey God’s Commandments.
5. All Scripture points to our _____ found only in the person of Jesus Christ.