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Living Life in the Kingdom of God

Law and Love

Matthew 5:17-22

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THE CHRISTIAN BATTLEGROUND

Satan uses **deceptive ideas** that play to **disordered desires** which are normalized in a **sinful society**. [The *devil*, the *flesh*, and the *world*.]

THE DISTINCTIVE CHURCH

1. Multiracial, multiethnic, equality among people of different backgrounds.
2. Crossed socioeconomic lines, with a high value for caring for the poor.
3. Staunch and active in its resistance to infanticide and abortion in Roman world.
4. Resolute in its vision of marriage and sexuality as between one man and one woman for life.
5. The church was nonviolent, personally and politically.

(See, *Destroyer of the Gods: Early Christian Distinctiveness in the Roman World*, by Larry Hurtado)

WHAT YOU MUST DO

- You can know your anger is Raca anger if it's filled with _____.
- It's important to understand these heart attitudes and actions of anger are the _____ for murder.

BUT YOU CAN NEVER DO IT

- All the rules and the moral exemplars of the Bible don't inspire us, they _____ us.
- Failing to live in line with the creator's design results in _____.

BUT IN AND THROUGH JESUS YOU CAN!

- Jesus fulfills the law by _____ it perfectly.
- Jesus fulfills the law by _____ our _____.
- Grace-based righteousness is _____.
- Grace-based righteousness transforms you _____ too.

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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 tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹ You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment." ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, "Raca," is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, "You fool!" will be in danger of the fire of hell.