

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Jesus Fulfills

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
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Matthew 5:17-20 (NLT) “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. 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. 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. 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!”

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NIV “...I have not come to abolish them but to **fulfill** them.”

Moral Law:

Ceremonial Law:

Hebrews 10:1-2, 5-7, 9-10 (NLT) “The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship... ⁵ That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God, ‘You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer. ⁶ You were not pleased with burnt offerings or other offerings for sin.’ ⁷ Then I said, ‘Look, I have come to do your will, O God—as is written about me in the Scriptures.’... ⁹ [Christ] cancels the first covenant in order to put the second into effect.¹⁰ For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.”

Separation Law:

Ephesians 2:14-16

The Civic Law:

- **In Christ, the Law & the Prophets reached their fullest expression.**

Hebrews 1:1-3 (NIV) “In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ **The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being**, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”

- **The Old Testament Scriptures are true.**

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- **Following King Jesus means we obey His Word & teach others to do the same.**

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“To be sure, law is not the source of rightness, but it forever the course of rightness.” Dallas Willard.

- **The Way of Jesus requires a better righteousness.**

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John 1:16-18 (AMP) “For out of His [Jesus Christ’s] fullness [the superabundance of His grace and truth] we have all received grace upon grace [spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, favor upon favor, and gift heaped upon gift]. ¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses, but grace [the unearned, undeserved favor of God] and truth came through Jesus Christ.¹⁸ No one has seen God [His essence, His divine nature] at any time; the [One and] only begotten God [that is, the unique Son] who is in the intimate presence of the Father, He has explained Him [and interpreted and revealed the awesome wonder of the Father].”

Big Idea: Because Jesus fulfilled the OT Scriptures we can find fulfillment in Him.

- **See the whole Bible through the story of Jesus.**
- **Give Jesus your whole heart.**
- **Follow Christ by living out the whole of what He teaches.**

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's service are from the New Living Translation (NLT), The New International Version (NIV), and The Amplified Bible (AMP).



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- 2) Read Matthew 5:17-20. What is the **Context** for this passage? Who is the writer and the recipients? Where does this fit in the book as a whole? What are the circumstances?
- 3) **Observation:** What “jumps out” in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions does it raise for you?
- 4) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in this for us?
- 5) What is Jesus saying about Himself in relation to the OT Scriptures? What are the implications of this teaching?
- 6) Read Hebrews 10:1-10, Ephesians 2:14-16, & Hebrews 1:1-3. Describe how Jesus fulfills the Moral Law, Ceremonial Law, Separation Laws, & the Civic Laws found in the OT?
- 7) What does Jesus mean that we need “a better righteousness” to enter the Kingdom? How does Jesus provide the righteousness required for us and in us? Read John 1:16-18.
- 8) **Application:** What resonates with you from this message?
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