Sermon on the Mount

Christ Fulfilling the Law

Matt. 5:17-26

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<u>Rom. 7:4-6</u>

So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

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<u>Col. 2:16-17</u>: Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

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Rom. 10:4

Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

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Matt. 5:23-24

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Righteous Reconciliation Reflecting Matt. 5:17-26

- What is my standard for being morally "right"?
- How do I know that I am "right" with God?
- How do I know that I am "right" with Others?
- How do I know if I am learning "ALL" of Scripture?
- How am I killing or bringing life to others around me?
- What immediate reconciliation steps do I need to take to restore a broken relationship—break down the wall?
- How can I encourage others toward righteousness and reconciliation?