



FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Week 4: Christ Fulfills The Law

Our Effective Purpose: Last week we discussed the effectiveness of our purpose. As we push through opposition, we are able to embrace and live in the opportunity the Lord has for us, as salt and light in this world we live in. So, as we live in the world, we don't do these things to obtain righteousness or fulfill the law, but in our response to Jesus' work. This week we see how His work in fulfilling the law effects us and our standing with God.

KEY SCRIPTURE

- *Matthew 5:17-20*
- *Isaiah 64:6*
- *Philippians 3:6-9*
- *Galatians 2:21*

VERSE BY VERSE

1. *Matthew 5:17-20*

- **The Law**- Given by God, in 3 different forms: Ceremonial law (*our worship*, ex. Lev. 1:2-3), civil law (*daily living*, ex. Deut. 24:10-11), or moral law (ex. 10 commandments). It is meant to guide and direct our lives, and reveal the character and nature of God.
- **"I did not come to destroy but fulfill the law"**- Jesus says here, that He did not come to destroy the law or disprove the law, but to reveal its true purpose and power separate from the misinterpretations of the pharisees and scribes. He came to fulfill the requirements of ceremonial law sacrifices by sacrificing Himself, and paying the price of falling short of the civil and moral law requirements. He did this for us, offering us freedom from the weight of the law, but not to direct us away from its principles and guidance it is meant to offer.
- **"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and pharisees"**- These men followed this law better than anyone, obeying the law outwardly, without it ever truly changing them in their heart. Jesus

shows us that obedience has to start in the heart, inward righteousness leading to outward acts of righteousness. Otherwise, we are working to earn righteousness that we can not gain separate from the work of Jesus in our lives.

- ***"The law sends us to Jesus for justification, because it shows our inability to please God. But after we come to Jesus, He sends us back to the law to learn the heart of God for our conduct and sanctification."*** David Guzik

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

1. Read Philippians 3:4-9 as Paul discusses his work for the law separate from Jesus, but how his experience with Jesus drastically changed everything.
2. Write down the 10 commandments from **Exodus 20**. Rank them from 1-10 with, 1 being where you fall short the most often to 10 being least or never falling short. **(In this, understand even though small in our eyes, all sin holds the same weight, and only in Christ we find the payment for those offenses, and freedom from their punishment)**
3. Reflect on your relationship with the Lord. Are you fully relying on Him? Is your church attendance and service in ministry because of His goodness or an act of earning His goodness? **(Let us be a people responding because of His goodness, not attempting to earn it)**

FOR THE FAMILY

1. **GOAL:** Dedicate 15 mins of ONE night this week
2. **READING:** Read Isaiah 64:6. Get a dirty, dusty, muddy rag, and attempt to clean with it. Use this as an illustration to show that unless we are cleaned, our work accomplishes no clean work for God.
 - ***On our own we are dirty rags, in Christ we are clean.***
3. **PRAY:** Ask for prayer request from your family. Pray for your family and pray that God would grow your trust in His plan, His instruction and His way.