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THE KING OF THE LAW | MATTHEW 5:17-20

I. Laws are standardized commands of how to rightly _____ to others.

- A. Genesis gave us a picture of life without laws, before sin ruined our relationships.
- B. God gave laws to His people to help them rightly relate to Him and one another.
- C. Pharisees were trying to live out God's law perfectly, which only led to divisive pride.

II. Jesus came to demonstrate how to live out God's law _____ .

"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. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished." vv. 17-18

- A. Jesus lived a life congruent with God's Old Testament laws.
- B. Jesus kept every one of God's laws perfectly, therefore fulfilling the law.
- C. Jesus' perfect obedience set the standard of righteousness to enter a holy God's kingdom.

III. Entrance into the kingdom of heaven is based on perfect _____ to God's law.

"Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." vv. 19-20

- A. External adherence to the law is insufficient for admission to the kingdom of heaven.
- B. Obedience to God's law both externally and internally is humanly impossible.
- C. The perfect righteousness necessary to enter the kingdom of heaven can only be given by Jesus.

LIVING UNDER THE KING OF THE LAW

Accept Jesus' righteousness as your own, because your efforts will always fall _____ .

Uphold the Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, rather than relaxing its _____ .

Worship Jesus, who fulfilled the law so we didn't have to fight against the _____ .

*Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.*

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" by Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778)

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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Read Matthew 5:17-20. Why would Jesus have to explain His position on the law and the prophets from the Old Testament?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 5:18

"For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished."

JOURNAL:

Matthew 5:17-20

"When we recognize the value of Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf, our response is to be love, gratitude and obedience. When we understand the sacrifice Jesus made for us and others, our response is to be to follow His example in expressing love to others. Our motivation for overcoming sin should be love, not a desire to legalistically obey a series of commandments. We are to obey the law of Christ because we love Him, not so that we can check off a list of commands that we successfully obeyed."

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2. How does Jesus "fulfill" the prophets and the law?

3. What was the law designed to do? Can the law save us? Why do we need to uphold the law if we depend on the righteousness of Jesus as our salvation?

4. Read Mark 12:28-31. For the follower of Christ, the avoidance of sin is to be accomplished out of love for God and for others. All of the Old Testament Law can be placed in the category of *loving God or loving your neighbor*. If Christians would truly and wholeheartedly obey the two commands in this passage, how would we fulfill everything that God requires of us?

5. Why is Bible literacy so crucial to our understanding of how to live out what Jesus is talking about in this Matthew passage? What level of priority do you place on biblical literacy, and why?

FOR FURTHER STUDY

John 13:34

1 John 4:7-8, 5:3

Romans 3:20, 5:20, 10:4

James 2:10

Galatians 3:23-25

Ephesians 2:15

JOURNAL Matthew 5:17-20

How does most of your learning of the Scriptures take place? What percentage of that time is spent purely in the Word of God and prayer, without podcasts or books (other than the Bible)? How can you increase your biblical literacy?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

ENJOY THE SOUNDS OF CCBC ORCHESTRA'S POPS CONCERT. Live from Fort Worth, the CCBC Pops Orchestra presents "Far and Away"! Join us with your family, friends and neighbors as we enjoy the beautiful sounds of places near and far. The show will be full of numbers from world-renowned composers like John Williams and Michael Giacchino to sounds from our favorite fictional stories such as Narnia and Jurassic Park. Come and hum along!

JOIN A SOUL CARE GROUP THIS SPRING.

Soul Care is a ministry of incredible pastors and lay counselors that structure and design a variety of classes that meet you where you are and continue to encourage you as you live out your walk with Christ. Whether you want to learn more about being victorious over fear or walking through grief biblically, these groups will be both a tool and an encouragement to you. If you would like to learn more about these classes, visit ccbcfamily.org

HSM FATHER AND DAUGHTER EVENT For a parent, it's a sweet privilege to watch your daughter grow into the woman God has purposed for her to become during these high school years. Here at Student Ministries we want to provide you with opportunities to walk alongside her as she continues to learn about who she is in Christ. Join us as we have a day at Pure Adventure dedicated to you pouring into her life through fun activities and a time of encouragement. Learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/events.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT OF WORSHIP The DASH Network and Christ Chapel Bible Church are partnering to host an evening of worship to celebrate the glory of God for all He has grown in growing the global church—all tribes, tongues, and nations. Come join us in The Den on Feb. 26 from 6-8 p.m. for a time of worship, fellowship and dessert.

CONNECTING POINT If you have been visiting CCBC for a while and you're ready to learn more and get connected, Connecting Point is your next step. Connecting Point is a three-week experience that helps you understand our story, your own faith story and how you can merge the two through membership. Amazing things happen when we come together. Learn more today by visiting ccbcfamily.org/connectingpoint.

SERVE THE COMMUNITY THROUGH MEAL DISTRIBUTION. Join us on March 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to distribute meals to our community! This will be a time where we can seek gospel opportunity, do kingdom work, and meet the needs of those in our own backyards. You can learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/events.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text CCBCFW to 833-422-7200 to get started.